

The proposed adoption of 02 NCAC 52B. 0212 will be published in the NC Register on **April 1st, 2022**. The comment period will end on **May 31th, 2022**.

Written comments may be submitted during the open comment period to Anna Hayworth, NCDA&CS Rule-Making coordinator, to 1002 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699 or rulesreview@ncagr.gov.

Any person may request a public hearing on the proposed rules by submitting a request in writing no later than April 15th, 2022 to Anna Hayworth, NCDA&CS Rule-Making coordinator, 1002 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699 or at rulesreview@ncagr.gov.

02 NCAC 52B. 0212 is proposed for amendment as follow:

CHAPTER 52 - VETERINARY

SUBCHAPTER 52B - ANIMAL DISEASE

SECTION .0200 - ADMISSION OF LIVESTOCK TO NORTH CAROLINA

02 NCAC 52B .0212 IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS: WILD ANIMALS

(a) A person shall obtain a permit from the State Veterinarian before importing any of the following animals into this State:

- (1) Skunk;
- (2) Fox;
- (3) Raccoon;
- (4) Ringtail;
- (5) Bobcat (includes Lynx and other North and South American felines as cougars, jaguars, etc.);
- ~~(6) Coyote;~~
- ~~(7)(6)~~ Marten;
- ~~(8)(7)~~ Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*).

(b) Permits for the importation into this State of any of the animals listed in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall be issued only if the animal(s) will be used in a research institute, or for exhibition by a USDA licensed exhibitor, or organized entertainment as in zoos or circuses. Furthermore, permits for the importation of wild animals, as defined in G.S. 113-129, shall be issued only if the applicant shows compliance with applicable North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission rules in 15A NCAC 10H .1400.

(c) Camelids, bison, and other bovidae other than domestic cattle may be imported into the State if accompanied by an official health certificate issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian, as defined in 02 NCAC 52B .0401, which states that:

- (1) all animals six months of age or older have tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to importation; and
- (2) all animals six months of age or older have tested negative for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to importation; and
- (3) the herd of origin has had no brucellosis or tuberculosis diagnosed within the past 12 months.

Additionally, all bison and other bovidae other than domestic cattle may be imported into the State only if officially identified in accordance with 9 CFR 86.1, which shall be incorporated by reference, including any subsequent amendments and editions, and can be obtained free of cost at https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID&node=pt9.1.86&rgn=div5#se9.1.86_11. The requirements of this Paragraph shall not apply to camelids, llamas, vicunas, alpacas, and guanacos from other states that are tuberculosis Accredited-Free and brucellosis Certified-Free, when accompanied by an official health certificate.

(d) Any species or hybrid of a mammal not otherwise covered in the Administrative Code ~~that is found to exist in the wild or naturally occurs in the wild~~ must be accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection.

(e) Imported elephants shall be accompanied by an official health certificate issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian, as defined in 02 NCAC 52B .0401, which states that "all animals have tested negative for tuberculosis within 365 days prior to importation."

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-317; 106-400;
Eff. April 1, 1984;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; February 1, 1996; May 1, 1992;
Temporary Amendment Eff. February 18, 2002;
Temporary Amendment Expired August 1, 2002 (See Rule .0213);
Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 26, 2017;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2022.*