

1 02 NCAC 52B. 0214 is adopted with changes under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **02 NCAC 52B .0214 IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS: RABBITS**

4 (a) An import permit from the State Veterinarian is required for the importation of a rabbit into the State of North
5 Carolina originating from:

6 ~~(+)~~ (1) any country or state with Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus-2 (“RHDV-2”) detected; or

7 ~~(+)~~ (2) a state or country without RHDV-2 if the rabbit makes any intervening stop in a country or state
8 with RHDV-2 detected, if the rabbit is commingled or exposed to any other rabbit not being shipped
9 directly from the point of origin together, or if the imported rabbit is exposed to materials such as
10 cages, beddings, and supplies that have been in contact with another rabbit not shipped directly from
11 the point of origin together.

12 (b) The rabbit import permit application shall be accompanied by an official health certificate certifying the rabbit to
13 be free from any contagious animal disease, including ~~[RHDV-2,]~~ RHDV-2, as follows:

14 ~~(+)~~ (1) If the rabbit is shipped directly without any intervening stops, without commingling or exposure to
15 any other rabbit not being shipped directly from the point of origin together, and without exposure
16 to materials such as cages, beddings, and supplies that have been in contact with another rabbit not
17 shipped directly from the point of origin together, then the official health certificate shall be obtained
18 within 7 days of the date of importation into North Carolina.

19 ~~(+)~~ (2) If the rabbit is shipped with intervening stops, with commingling or exposure to another rabbit not
20 being shipped directly from the point of origin together, or with exposure to materials such as cages,
21 beddings, and supplies that have been in contact with another rabbit not shipped directly from the
22 point of origin together, then the official health certificate shall be obtained from the location of the
23 last intervening stop, commingling, or exposure, and within 7 days of the date of importation into
24 North Carolina.

25 (c) No permit is needed for direct shipment of a rabbit from a country or state without RHDV-2 or if the rabbit makes
26 intervening stops only in countries or states without RHDV-2, the rabbit is not commingled or exposed to another
27 rabbit not shipped directly from the point of origin together, and the rabbit is not exposed to materials such as cages,
28 beddings, and supplies that have been in contact with another rabbit not shipped directly from the point of origin
29 together.

30 (d) The application for rabbit importation shall include the state of origin, [the arrival date,] health certificate
31 inspection date, the owner’s name, address, and phone number at the time of import, the import destination within the
32 State of North Carolina, [a contact person and phone number at that location,] the name, address, and phone number
33 of the person with control and responsibility over the rabbit at the import destination, and any federal licensing, permit,
34 and documentation required for the importation of the rabbit if imported from outside of the United States of America.

35 (e) A rabbit requiring an import permit that is imported into North Carolina shall be accompanied by an official health
36 certificate with the import permit number and shall be made available for inspection by the State Veterinarian or his
37 or her designee upon request.

1 (f) An intervening stop is defined as a stop in a country or state longer than 24 hours but less than 10 days. The
2 location of any stop for longer than 10 days shall be deemed the new country or state of origin.

3 (g) Health certificates issued outside of the United States shall be issued in English and by a veterinarian with a valid
4 license to practice veterinary medicine in the country of export.

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6 History Note: Authority G.S. 106-317; 106-400;

7 Emergency Adoption Eff. July 13, 2021;

8 Temporary Adoption Eff. September 23, 2021.