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ANIMAL HEALTH ORDER

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws ("M.G.L."), Chapter 129, § 2

ISSUED TO: All Individuals, animal rescue organizations, animal shelters, livestock dealers and transporters, entities, associations, and interested parties involved in the transportation or importation of any warm-blooded animals into Massachusetts for any purpose.

INTRODUCTION

This Order ("Order") is issued in response to the discovery of New World Screwworm ("NWS") in domestic animals in Texas and New Mexico.

JURISDICTION

This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources ("MDAR") under M.G.L. c. 129, § 2.

PARTIES

1. MDAR is a duly authorized administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 129, § 2.
2. All Individuals, animal rescue organizations, animal shelters, livestock dealers and transporters, entities, associations, and interested parties involved in the transportation or importation of any warm-blooded animals into Massachusetts for any purpose.

SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE LAW

3. M.G.L. c. 129, § 2 states the following:

"The director may make and enforce reasonable orders, rules, and regulations relative to the following: the sanitary condition of neat cattle, other ruminants and swine and of places where such animals are kept; the prevention, suppression and extirpation of contagious diseases of domestic animals; the establishing of disease-free herds of cattle and the issuing of certificates in connection therewith; the inspection, examination, quarantine, care and treatment or destruction of domestic animals affected with or which have been exposed to contagious disease, the burial or disposal of their carcasses, and the cleansing and disinfection of places where contagion exists or has existed. No rules or regulations shall take effect until approved by the governor and council."

FINDINGS OF FACT

4. NWS is a parasitic infestation caused by *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, and is a serious pest affecting both domestic and wildlife species that are warm-blooded (“susceptible species”). Therefore, the prevention of the spread of this pest is of utmost importance to the Commonwealth.
5. As of the date of this Order, 11 active cases and one inactive case have been reported in six separate counties in Texas, and one active case was reported in New Mexico. The United States Department of Agriculture’s (“USDA”) New World Screwworm Response Playbook establishes an area of at least 20 kilometers around the location of each active case called an “infested zone”. USDA’s NWS Playbook additionally establishes an area of at least 20 kilometers around each infested zone called an “adjacent surveillance zone”.
6. The movement of animals from or through infested zones or adjacent surveillance zones poses a significant risk of spreading this pest to new locations.
7. Animal Health Officials from all six New England States are imposing movement restrictions on any susceptible species originating from within or traveling through an infested zone or an adjacent surveillance zone to prevent the introduction of this pest into the northeast.
8. USDA-accredited veterinarians are authorized to perform inspections of animals, treat animals, and to complete official forms in relation to the examination and treatment of animals for the purpose of transport or importation of any warm-blooded animals into Massachusetts.

ORDER

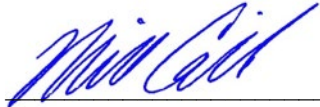
NOW THEREFORE, based upon the above knowledge and information, the Director of Animal Health **hereby orders the following travel restrictions against any susceptible species originating from within or traveling through an infested zone or an adjacent surveillance zone entering the Commonwealth of Massachusetts until further notice.**

9. Any susceptible species of domestic animal infested with or suspected to be infested with NWS shall not enter Massachusetts until the animal has been examined and determined to be free of NWS by an accredited veterinarian.
10. Any susceptible species of domestic animal originating from an infested zone, shall not enter Massachusetts until the animal has been examined and determined to be free of NWS by an accredited veterinarian.
11. Any susceptible species of domestic animal originating from a premises currently under quarantine for NWS or where suspicion of NWS exists shall not enter Massachusetts until that premises has been deemed free of infestation by the respective State Animal Health Official.
12. Susceptible species of domestic animals, including dogs and cats, originating in a US state that contains an infested zone or adjacent surveillance zone shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from an accredited veterinarian or a document indicating freedom from infestation provided by a state or federal animal health official issued within 5 days prior to entry into Massachusetts. The CVI or document shall contain a statement that all animals were individually inspected by an accredited veterinarian, state animal health official, or federal animal health official and found free of obvious wounds and evidence of NWS infestation.
13. Susceptible species of domestic animals, including dogs and cats, originating in or transiting an infested zone shall be treated by an accredited veterinarian with a systemic product with United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), or United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorization for use against NWS, prior to entry and must be within the labeled duration of action of the product upon entry into Massachusetts. The name of the product used, and the date and route of administration shall be noted on the CVI.
14. Dogs and cats originating from a US state that contains an infested zone or adjacent surveillance zone shall be treated by an accredited veterinarian with a systemic product with FDA, USDA, or EPA authorization for use against NWS

prior to entry and must be within the labeled duration of action of the product upon entry into Massachusetts. The name of the product used, and the date and route of administration shall be noted on the CVI. Dogs and cats shall be accompanied by a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian or government animal health official within 5 days prior to entry into Massachusetts.

15. Shipment of hatching eggs and birds up to 3 days of age are exempt from the examination requirement and may be shipped using a CVI or 9-3 form.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call 617-626-1795.



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