

My name is Erin Culligan. I am the Osoyoos District Vet for the CFIA. I have provided a few details on the requirements for WA animals entering Canada should an evacuation take place.

Due to wildfires and road closings in Washington State, people and animals may need to be evacuated through Canada with little notice. Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has agreed to facilitate the transit of livestock through Canada during this emergency, so that these animals may reenter the United States in a different state where they can be housed as needed. Therefore, export health certification will be waived for transiting livestock leaving Washington State only during this period of time.

TRANSIT OF LIVESTOCK AND PET BIRDS

Exporters are required to transport livestock and/or pet birds in trucks, trailers, or crates/containers that can be sealed with official seals. If the vehicle or container cannot be sealed, it will be refused entry into Canada. Livestock must be exported through the nearest ports along the Canadian border between Osoyoos and Nelway. The exporter should be prepared to provide an accurate count of the number of animals on the conveyance, and the port of entry where the animals will return to the US. CFIA will seal the conveyance and issue a License to transport animals. This document will indicate the seal number(s) and the expected port where the vehicle will exit Canada. If seals have to be broken prior to return to the US, the exporter must contact CFIA as indicated.

It is expected that the conveyances will reenter the US through the ports of Sumas, WA, Eastport, ID, Sweetgrass, MT, or Raymond, MT. The exporter will need to contact the port veterinarian for inspection upon entry to the US.

Birds should be caged and a seal will be applied to the cage as indicated above.

Movement of Dogs and Cats into Canada

Dogs and cats travelling with owners during this time from the State of Washington into Canada will not be required to have a health certificate but, if at all possible, should travel with a valid rabies certificate. If a rabies certificate is not available, these animals will be required to get a rabies vaccination while in Canada. If these animals remain in Canada rather than simply transiting, they will need to meet regular import requirements to return to the US.

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