

10 V.S.A. Appendix §17

Cervid Carcass Importation Rule - Annotated

§ 17. Rule governing the importation and possession of deer or elkcervids from chronic wasting disease endemic areas and captive hunt or farm facilities

1.1 This rule is promulgated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4081. In promulgating this rule, the Fish and Wildlife Board is following the policy established by the General Assembly that the protection, propagation, control, management, and conservation of fish, wildlife and furbearing animals in this State is in the interest of the public welfare and that the safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the State requires a constant and continual vigilance.

1.2 In accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 4082, this rule is designed to maintain the best health, population and utilization levels of the regulated species and other necessary or desirable species which are related to the regulated species.

1.3 This rule applies to importation and possession of deer or elkcervid carcasses or the parts thereof, from chronic wasting disease endemic areas and captive hunt or farm facilities.

1.4 This rule shall apply to all persons who import, possess, transport, use, or deal with deer or elkcervid carcasses, or parts thereof, from chronic wasting disease endemic areas and captive hunt or farm facilities.

1.5 For the purposes of this rule, “cervid” means any species in the family Cervidae.

The purpose of this rule is to:

- (a) ensure the conservation of the wildlife in the State, and
- (b) maintain the best health of native ~~cervidae~~Cervidae of the State, and
- (c) prevent the introduction or spread of a disease that is potentially harmful to humans and wild species.

3.0 Permitted Activities and Restrictions

3.1 The importation or possession of deer or elkcervid carcasses, or the parts thereof, from chronic wasting disease endemic areas and captive hunt or farm facilities is prohibited except as provided below:

- (a) Meat that is cut up and packaged, and not mixed with other deer or elkcervids during processing.
- (b) Meat that is boneless.
- (c) Hides or cape with no part of the head attached.

(d) Clean skull-cap with antlers attached.

(e) Antlers with no other meat or tissue attached.

(f) Finished taxidermy heads.

(g) Upper canine teeth with no tissue attached.

3.2 All hunters shall identify their ~~deer and elk~~cervid with their ~~non-resident hunting~~ license information in accordance with section 2a of this title.

4.0 Chronic Wasting Disease Endemic Areas

The Department shall provide a list of chronic wasting disease endemic areas and shall update the list as areas are added or deleted. The list shall be available on the Department's web site, from the Department's headquarters and from the Department's district offices. The list shall also be made available to the media as much as practicably possible to provide maximum notice to the public.

5.0 Captive Hunting or Farm Facilities Defined.

5.1 Captive Hunting Facilities are any facilities with captive ~~deer or elk~~cervids held in a fenced or walled enclosure for the purpose of taking by hunting.

5.2 Farm Facilities are any facilities with captive ~~deer or elk~~cervids held in a fenced or walled enclosure and are raised for meat, hides, antlers or other products.