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State-Issued Permit Required to Move VHS-Susceptible Species 21 August 2014

In June, the USDA repealed federal requirements related to VHS and the interstate shipping of fish. Since then, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has adopted new rules to replace the repealed federal regulations. While rules remain unchanged for most fish producers and haulers, BOAH has added a requirement for VHS-susceptible species from all states to be accompanied by a permit. (Previously, this applied only to fish from the Great Lakes states.)

Documentation

A state-issued permit is required to move all VHS-susceptible species **regardless of origin**. Visit the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website for more information and copies of permits: www.in.gov/boah/2387.htm Permits are in lieu of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, and are available at no charge.

Testing

Testing for VHS remains unchanged. Testing is required only for VHS-susceptible species from the Great Lakes Region which includes: Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Ontario, and Quebec. The BOAH website specifies testing quantities required.

More Information

VHS is a reportable disease, which means it must be reported within 48 hours of diagnosis to the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. To date, VHS has not been detected in any fish originating from Indiana's inland waters. Help us protect Indiana's fish from VHS.

For a list of VHS susceptible species go to the USDA's website:
www.aphis.usda.gov/focusonfish/species-affected.php

More details about VHS requirements for fish entry to Indiana, as well as printable/downloadable forms, are online at: www.in.gov/boah/2387.htm