



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

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Effective Immediately

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has temporarily suspended the intrastate movement requirements for animals fleeing from Tropical Storm Isaias. The Executive Order 2026-07 applies to animals in any county in Florida that is under a declared state of emergency listed in the Governor's Emergency Order 2026-202.

In addition, the Florida interstate (import) movement requirements for animals fleeing any county in Georgia, Alabama or Mississippi that is under a state of emergency have been suspended.

The following states have waived their interstate import requirements for Florida animals leaving the expected impact areas of Tropical Storm Isaias:

Alabama (all animals), Georgia (pets and equine) and Mississippi (all animals)

The temporary suspension does not apply to the importation requirements for regulated wildlife, including Cervidae. For information regarding the movement of regulated wildlife, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (850) 488-6253.

Any person transporting animals must stop at the FDACS agricultural inspection stations and present any required movement documentation. A transporter who fails to provide the documentation required will be issued an Advisory Notice, which must remain with the animals during transport to any premises in Florida, Alabama, Georgia or Mississippi, and during the return trip to the original premises of origin. If an agricultural inspection station is not on route of travel, in lieu of the Advisory Notice, the transporter must have proof of Florida residence to return to Florida with their animals.

When returning to Florida, if any disease test requirements are not met, the animal(s) will be quarantined to their Florida destination until the testing has been completed. An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) is not required if returning with the Advisory Notice or proof of residence.

This temporary suspension shall expire in 15 days on October 23, 2026, unless extended or rescinded.

Please visit www.FDACS.gov/AnimalEmergency, or call (850) 410-0900 for more information.

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