



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**  
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**Upcoming Changes to the State Exhibition Rule**  
**F.A.C. 5C-4 Summary**

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The following is a summary of changes to the Florida Exhibition Rule, F.A.C. 5C-4. These changes are made at the request of industry and are expected to take effect on or around July 1, 2018.

The changes include:

- The accepted time period for valid testing results on Florida origin breeding swine has been extended from 30 days to 90 days. The 90-day time frame coincides with the length of time the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) is valid.
- Florida origin sheep and goats less than three months of age and accompanied by their dam are exempt from the OCVI requirement.
- Sheep and goats less than three months of age are exempt from the Scrapie Identification requirements.

For questions or clarification on the state rule, please contact the division at (850) 410-0900.

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In addition to the changes above, federal regulation 9CFR. 71.19 requires that all swine shown at fairs or exhibitions (interstate commerce) be accompanied by official individual identification.

Presented swine that do not meet the federal official individual identification requirements may not be allowed entrance into the fair.

For more information on swine identification requirements, see the attached document, *Identification of Swine, Fairs and Exhibitions*, or contact Melinda Springer at [Melinda.A.Springer@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Melinda.A.Springer@aphis.usda.gov), (352) 745-0576, or Amy Whicker at [Amy.R.Whicker@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Amy.R.Whicker@aphis.usda.gov), (352) 342-5914.

