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North Carolina Deer and Elk Farmers Association,

Since our last correspondence on May 23, 2016, there have been additional cases of chronic wasting disease (CWD) identified in free-range reindeer from the Nordfjella population in southern Norway. At this time, the nature of the disease's introduction into Norway and its method of transmission into reindeer has not been identified in these cases.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) has been in contact with the USDA Veterinary Services, and USDA VS is still considering the status of reindeer based on these cases occurring in Norway. NCDA&CS has reconsidered the moratorium issued on May 23, 2016, and as of this date has lifted the moratorium on the importation of reindeer into North Carolina.

A licensed farmed cervid facility may import reindeer into North Carolina following 02 NCAC 52B. 0213, where the reindeer are from a CWD monitored herd in which the animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions, and there have been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of CWD in this herd or any herd contributing to this herd for the previous five years.

Prior to interstate importation, the exporting veterinarian must obtain an import permit number from the NCDA&CS to enter onto the state of origin's interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI). Please contact the NCDA&CS for importation assistance prior to purchasing reindeer.

Interstate and intrastate movement permits will not be issued for temporary cervid exhibits.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through this issue and to foster and develop our farmed cervid industry in North Carolina. If you have further questions, you may contact our office at (919) 707-3250.

Sincerely,

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