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FIFTH MODIFICATION TO CONTROL ORDER RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF DAIRY CATTLE INTO DELAWARE DUE TO THE HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1) IN DAIRY CATTLE EVENT

This current modification to the Control Order Restricting Movement of Dairy Cattle into Delaware due to the highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in dairy cattle event issued on May 1, 2026, supersedes the previous Control Order (DDA-25-CO-02) issued under the authority of the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

In February 2024, an unknown disease affecting dairy cattle causing decreased lactation, low appetite, thickened colostrum-like milk, and other clinical signs was identified in Texas. Herds with these signs have tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in individual cows and/or the milk. As of April 29, 2026, 20 states have had confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in dairy cattle.

Under the authority granted in 3 Del. C. § 7101, the Delaware Department of Agriculture has issued this control order restricting the movement of dairy cattle, including heifers, dry cows, and lactating cows used for dairy purposes, into Delaware, specifically:

- **No dairy cattle from a state with an affected herd within the last 30 days shall be allowed to move into Delaware until further notice. If any cattle from an affected premises exhibit these signs, all cattle in that state shall be restricted.**
- **Unless originating from state with a National Milk Testing Strategy Unaffected State Status, dairy cattle (includes heifers, dry cows, and lactating cows) require a signed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory within 7 days of entry into Delaware. This includes dairy cattle being brought into Delaware to be sold or exhibited. Dairy cattle moving interstate for exhibition, show, or sale may**



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travel to their home herd using the same negative test result provided the exhibition, show, or sale does not exceed 10 days in length.

- **All parties selling and buying dairy cattle of any age must provide their name and address to allow for the traceability of said cattle in the event there is an animal health emergency in Delaware related to highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in dairy cattle occurring in parts of the U.S.**

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