

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

**Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks**

**Part 2: Wildlife**

**Part 2, Chapter 2: White-tailed Deer**

*RULE 2.7 PROHIBITION ON CERVID CARCASS IMPORTATION, TO PROTECT MISSISSIPPI FROM CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE.*

A. It is unlawful to import, transport, or possess any portion of a cervid carcass originating from any state, territory, or foreign country where the occurrence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been confirmed by either the state wildlife agency, state agriculture agency, state veterinarian, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

B. This rule shall not apply to the importation of:

1. Meat from cervids that has been completely deboned.
2. Antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates or cleaned skulls where no tissue is attached to the skull.
3. Cleaned teeth.
4. Finished taxidermy and antler products.
5. Hides and tanned products.
6. Any portions of white-tailed deer originating from the land between the Mississippi River levees in Arkansas.

C. For the purpose of this rule, cervids include any member of the Cervidae family, including white-tailed deer, elk, moose, red deer, sika deer, fallow deer, mule deer and caribou.

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