

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 8: Regulations regarding animals in captivity and enclosures.

RULE 8.6 ENCLOSURES THAT PREVENT THE FREE INGRESS AND EGRESS OF WHITE-TAILED DEER – ADMINISTRATIVE QUARANTINE.

A. Administrative Quarantine.

1. An enclosure suspected of violating any applicable law, rule, or regulation regarding enclosures that prevent the free ingress and egress of white-tailed deer, may be placed under administrative quarantine until any investigation is concluded.

2. Administrative quarantine shall be imposed upon any enclosure determined to be the destination of an act of unlawful importation of live white-tailed deer into the State of Mississippi. Upon conviction, the operator(s) of such an enclosure must:

a. Cease any and all breeding operations. Existing breeding pens must be depopulated.

b. Quarantine, and the reporting requirements thereof, shall be imposed for a minimum of ten (10) years.

c. Should the facility (operators) fail to perform required testing and reporting, or otherwise violate the terms of the quarantine, all white-tailed deer within the enclosure shall be euthanized and tested for CWD.

d. Should depopulation be required as set forth above, the enclosure may be prohibited from being registered to contain white-tailed deer in the future.

B. Notice of Administrative Quarantine. For any enclosure associated with a conviction for unlawful importation of live white-tailed deer into the State of Mississippi, which has been placed under administrative quarantine, a “Notice of Administrative Quarantine” shall be prepared and filed for record in the land records of the county or counties where the enclosure is located. The Notice shall set forth the reason(s) and duration of the Administrative Quarantine, including but not limited to, the infractions committed on the property, which could have a negative impact upon the native wildlife and ecosystems.

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