

**Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services  
Cervidae Livestock Operation Licensure Program**

**VERIFICATION OF NON-CLO STATUS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (address), offer the following legal verification in support of my claim that I do not operate a “Cervidae livestock operation” that is subject to licensure by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

1. I understand that the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (“PDA”) has the legal responsibility to license any “Cervidae livestock operation” (“CLO”) that is operating within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This authority is imposed under Subchapter G.1 of the Domestic Animal Law.
  
2. I keep one or more members of the Cervidae livestock family (the Cervidae family includes deer, elk, moose, reindeer, caribou and hybrids of these animals) at the following location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. My current inventory of such animals, by number and species, is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. I understand that *I am operating a CLO that must be licensed by PDA if:*
  - (a) I keep a member of the Cervidae livestock family *for any purpose related to the commercial production of Cervidae or Cervidae products;*
  
  - and
  
  - (b) I have a normal agricultural operation, including my cervidae operation, which is either conducted on 10 or more contiguous acres of land or, if less than 10 contiguous acres in area, has anticipated yearly gross income of at least \$10,000.
  
4. The one or more members of the Cervidae livestock family identified in Paragraph No. 2, above, and any other cervids kept at the described location, *are not kept for any commercial purpose and/or do not meet the licensure criteria listed in Paragraph No. 3.* They are either: (circle one or more as applicable and fill out the written explanation explaining the reason for your exemption)
  - (a) Kept and maintained as pets or for their aesthetic value only (and not for commercial purposes); or

(b) The entire parcel of land on which the normal agricultural operation, including the cervidae operation is located comprises fewer than 10 contiguous acres and, if less than 10 contiguous acres, the normal agricultural operations on the entire parcel of land results in anticipated yearly gross income from agricultural activities of less than \$10,000. (Note: All 10 acres do not need to be devoted to maintaining cervids.); or

(c) You possess a menagerie permit for your cervid operation under 34 Pa.C.S.A § 2964.

Explanation: I hereby certify that I do not qualify as a CLO for the following reasons (Give a detailed explanation of the reason for your exempt status, including a description of your operation – purpose, number of animals, acreage and income from agricultural activities)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (attach additional page if necessary)

- 5. If I subsequently intend to trigger the licensure requirements listed in Paragraph No. 3, I understand and agree that I shall *first* obtain the required CLO license from PDA. I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform PDA if I intend to operate a CLO, and that I may not operate a CLO without the required license.
- 6. I understand that PDA may use this verification as evidence that I am exempt from the CLO licensure requirements described above.
- 7. I understand that PDA will – in the absence of evidence to the contrary – accept this verification as a basis for exempting my keeping of Cervidae from the CLO licensure requirements described above.
- 8. I understand that PDA may, at any time, ask me to sign a new Verification form, confirming that I am not required to have a CLO license.

I verify all of the foregoing to be true, and make this statement subject to the criminal penalties for unsworn falsification to authorities, at 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904), on the date indicated below.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date).