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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2026-0563]

Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program Standards

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for a notice of availability of a revised version of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Herd Certification Program Standards. The CWD Program Standards provide guidance on how to meet CWD Herd Certification Program and interstate movement requirements. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published on October 26, 2026 (91 FR 67266) is extended. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS-2026-0563 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2026-0563, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS**,** 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 26, 2026, we published in the *Federal Register* (91 FR 67266, Docket No. APHIS-2026-0563) a notice announcing the availability of a revised version of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Herd Certification Program Standards. The CWD Program Standards provide guidance on how to meet CWD Herd Certification Program and interstate movement requirements.

Comments on the notice were required to be received on or before November 25, 2026. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. APHIS-2026-0563 until December 28, 2026. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 8301-8317; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of November 2026 .

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Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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