

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. 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.

B. It is unlawful to:

1. Import, transport, or possess any portion of a cervid carcass originating from any other state, territory, or foreign country.

2. Transport any portion of a cervid carcass outside of a MDWFP-defined CWD Management Zone.

3. Transport any portion of a cervid carcass outside of a MDWFP-defined CWD Management Zone from Arkansas or Louisiana lands east of the Mississippi River that lie within that zone.

C. This rule does not apply to:

1. Meat from cervids that has been completely deboned or bone-in quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.

2. Antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates or cleaned skulls where no tissue is attached to the skull.

3. Hunters may only transport a deer head outside of a MDWFP-defined CWD Management Zone to a permitted taxidermist participating in the CWD collection program. A CWD sample number must be obtained from the participating taxidermist prior to transporting the deer head outside of the MDWFP-defined CWD Management Zone. This sample number must accompany the deer head while in transport and be available for inspection by Law Enforcement upon request. The deer head must be delivered to the participating taxidermist within 5 days of receiving the sample number.

4. Cleaned teeth.

5. Finished taxidermy and antler products.

6. Hides and tanned products.

7. Any portions of white-tailed deer originating from land outside of a MDWFP-defined CWD Management Zone between the Mississippi River levees in Arkansas and Louisiana.

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