

INSURANCE INFORMATION ALERT

TO: ALL CFSA MEMBER FAIRS

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SUBJECT: CFSA GENERAL LIABILITY OPERATING MEMO #06-01; PETTING ZOOS

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The enclosed CFSA General Liability Program Operating Memorandum #06-01 becomes effective June 1, 2006, and applies to all fairs participating in CFSA's General Liability Program. This new Operating Memorandum replaces the General Liability Emergency Order that was issued on June 3, 2005 pertaining to petting zoos. The Operating Memorandum provides that a fair's protection under CFSA's General Liability Memorandum of Coverage (MOC) for any claim relating to a petting zoo is conditional upon:

- CFSA's advance approval of a petting zoo operator's commercial insurance coverage; and
- With respect to a fair sponsored petting zoo, advance notice to CFSA to allow for discussion and inspection of such an operation.

In the spring of 2005, some commercial insurance companies began to limit general liability insurance coverage for petting zoo operators by including new policy exclusions for claims related to E. coli and other infectious and communicable diseases. These new exclusions probably resulted from an outbreak of E. coli cases at several fairs in Florida. With these new exclusions, the insurance coverage no longer complied with CFSA insurance requirements. This situation occurred immediately prior to the 2005 fair season.

On June 3, 2005, CFSA's Executive Director issued an Emergency Order (copy enclosed) conditioning protection of member fairs under the MOC for claims related to a petting zoo on the pre-approval by CFSA of the petting zoo operator's general liability coverage. This Emergency Order remains in effect until the effective date of Operating Memo #06-01.

NOTE: Please file this ALERT under General Liability Section 3, General Liability Memorandum, in your Claim & Loss Reporting Guide - 3rd Edition (The CFSA "Red Book").