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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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STATE VETERINARIAN)	CATTLE AND BISON IMPORTATION ORDER
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY)	FOR IDAHO, MONTANA, AND WYOMING
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH)	DESIGNATED SURVEILLANCE AREAS
FOURTH FLOOR)	April 1, 2011
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509)	

Effective April 1, 2011, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture is issuing an Importation Order (Order) for cattle and bison originating from the Designated Surveillance Areas (DSA) in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA), encompassing portions of the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming due to ongoing endemic brucellosis affected animals, specifically free-roaming elk and bison. This Importation Order is being issued to protect the Nebraska cattle and bison industries, and to aid in the tracing of cattle and bison which could be used for breeding purposes, imported into Nebraska from these DSAs. All sexually intact cattle and bison, including those going direct to slaughter, shall be subject to this Order when originating from the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, as defined in numbers 1 through 3 below.

1. State of Idaho (Designated Surveillance Area within the counties of Teton, Bonneville, Fremont, Caribou, and Bear Lake, as such DSA has been defined and established between the State of Idaho and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS));
2. State of Montana (Designated Surveillance Area within the counties of Park, Gallatin, Madison, and Beaverhead, as such DSA has been defined and established between the State of Montana and the USDA/APHIS); and
3. State of Wyoming (Designated Surveillance Area within the counties of Fremont, Park, Sublette, Lincoln, and Teton, as such DSA has been defined and established between the State of Wyoming and USDA/APHIS).

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-701 and 54-753.05, and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Importation Regulations, Title 23, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 2, subsection 004.11 (23 NAC 2-004.11), this Order is issued this 1st day of April, 2011, for the purpose of protecting the health status of Nebraska's livestock industries.

This Order is in addition to requirements found in the current Nebraska Department of Agriculture Importation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 to 54-796); and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations (23 NAC 2); and the Nebraska Amended Dairy Cattle Import Order, dated June 17, 2008.

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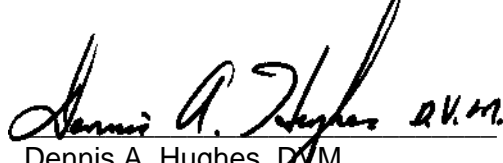
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. **All sexually intact cattle and bison imported into Nebraska (except as noted in B and C below), which originate** from a DSA within the GYA, as listed above in numbers 1 through 3, shall:
1. Be individually identified with permanent, official USDA/APHIS approved identification, except that market backtags shall not be considered a form of permanent, individual identification for purposes of this Order; or
 2. Be individually identified to state of origin (Idaho, Montana, or Wyoming), so long as such identification:
 - a. Provides a unique identification number for the animal; and
 - b. Can be traced back to the herd where the tag was originally applied; and
 3. Enter Nebraska with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which states, "These cattle and bison originated from within one of the DSAs and have permanent, individual identification."
- B. All sexually intact cattle and bison **moving direct to slaughter from a DSA** shall be individually identified with permanent, official USDA/APHIS approved identification, excluding market backtags. **Such cattle and bison do not require a CVI** to be imported into Nebraska, but the individual identification for each animal shall:
1. Identify the GYA state of origin; **and**
 2. Allow the animal to be traced to the herd of original tag application.
- C. All sexually intact cattle and bison, except those moving direct to slaughter, which originate from the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, **but which do not originate from within one of the DSAs**, shall enter Nebraska with a CVI which states, "These cattle and bison do not originate from within the DSA."

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Any exceptions to this Order will only be by approval of the Nebraska State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk assessment.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2011.

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