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RODEO CATTLE IMPORT ORDER

In recent years, rodeo cattle infected with tuberculosis (TB) have cost some of our neighboring states millions of dollars in tracing, testing, and reduced marketability of their cattle. Cattle used for these purposes are very often comingled with cattle of Mexico origin during their life. The threat from cattle used for rodeo and time events stems from the fact these cattle have a longer life expectancy and are exposed to many different groups of cattle in their lifetime. They are often exposed to breeding cattle when not being used at rodeos and are also sold and/or traded many times, which increases the exposure to these high-risk animals. If this threat is ignored and TB was to be found in a Nebraska beef or dairy herd, the resulting loss of revenue would be devastating. This Order is being issued to protect the Nebraska dairy and beef industries from these concerns.

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-701 and 54-753.05, this Order is issued this 25th day of March, 2008, for the purpose of taking immediate action to protect the health status of Nebraska's dairy and beef cattle industry.

ORDER:

This Order is in addition to the requirements found in the current Animal Importation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 to 54-796) and Animal Importation Regulations (Title 23 Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 2 (23 NAC 2)).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

All cattle imported to be used and/or intended to be used for, but not limited to, rodeos, timed events, and team events, shall meet the following requirements before being imported into Nebraska:

- 1. Be individually identified with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) approved individual identification, and shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI); and

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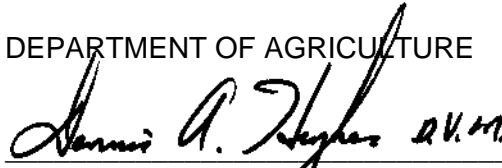
2. Obtain a pre-entry permit prior to entry into Nebraska; and
3. The pre-entry permit number shall be listed on the CVI; and
4. All such cattle, two (2) months of age and older, shall be tested and found negative to an official tuberculin test within six (6) months prior to import into Nebraska. Date of the tuberculin test shall be included on the CVI.

In addition to the general importation requirements, all Mexico origin cattle shall comply with Nebraska's importation rules and regulations as set forth in 23 NAC 2-011.05. Mexico origin cattle are cattle which have lived any part of their lives in Mexico.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Any request for an exception to this Order shall be made in writing to the State Veterinarian, and will only be granted if such exception is in the best interest of the livestock industry of Nebraska and consistent with sound animal health practices. Applications for an exception shall completely and accurately describe the need for the exception. Exceptions granted shall be in writing although applicants may be advised in advance by telephone or in person that an exception has been granted.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2008

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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