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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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STATE VETERINARIAN)	AMENDED
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY)	CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)	BEEF CATTLE AND BISON
STATE OFFICE BUILDING)	IMPORTATION EMBARGO
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH)	AMENDED JULY 25, 2008
FOURTH FLOOR)	
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509)	

The State of California recently discovered tuberculosis positive animals within their state's dairy herds. It is anticipated that California will be downgraded to Tuberculosis (TB) Modified Accredited Advanced status in the near future.

California has depopulated one herd and is in the negotiation process of depopulating the two remaining positive herds. The epidemiological investigation, identification of trace herds/animals, and tuberculosis testing is expected to continue throughout the remainder of 2008. Until the USDA officially reclassifies California as having a modified accredited advanced status, Nebraska will treat cattle from California as originating from a Modified Accredited Advanced state.

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-701 and §54-753.05, this Amended Embargo is issued this 25th day of July, 2008, for the purpose of protecting the health status of Nebraska's dairy, beef and bison industries.

This Amended Embargo is in addition to requirements found in the current Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 through 54-796); and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations (23 NAC, Chapter 2).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Cattle which originate from a California herd not under quarantine for tuberculosis may be imported into the state under the following conditions:
 - a. Beef cattle and bison of any age and sexually altered shall obtain a permit for entry prior to import, and the permit number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

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- b. All sexually intact beef cattle and bison, two (2) months of age and older, shall obtain a permit for entry, be officially identified; **and**
 - i. Originate from an accredited herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the CVI; **or**
 - ii. Originate from a herd that has had a negative whole herd test within three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to entry **and** the individual animals to be imported shall have been part of the whole herd test; **or**
 - iii. Shall have been individually tested and found negative to tuberculosis within sixty (60) days prior to entry (no cattle shall be tuberculosis tested prior to the age of 2 months).
 - c. All sexually intact beef cattle and bison less than two (2) months of age shall be quarantined to their Nebraska destination until tested and found negative to an official tuberculin test.
2. California cattle and bison entering Nebraska for slaughter purposes only do not fall under the authority of this Amended Embargo, but shall move directly to an approved slaughter establishment without being off-loaded.

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

Dated this 25th day of July, 2008.

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