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AMENDED DAIRY CATTLE IMPORT ORDER AMENDED – June 17, 2008

The occurrence of tuberculosis (TB) in dairy cattle has been increasing within the United States. This increase has caused several states to lose their TB Accredited-free status and cost those states millions of dollars in testing costs and decreased marketing opportunities. 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 17th day of June, 2008, for the purpose of protecting the health status of Nebraska’s dairy and beef cattle industry.

ORDER:

This Order is in addition to: (1) the requirements found in the current Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 through 54-796); and (2) the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations (Title 23 NAC, Chapter 2). This Order supersedes any previous orders regarding Tuberculosis testing of dairy cattle.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

All sexually-intact dairy and dairy cross animals shall meet the following requirements before being imported into Nebraska:

1. Dairy and dairy cross animals shall be individually identified with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) approved individual identification; obtain a pre-entry permit prior to entry into Nebraska, and this pre-entry permit number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI); and

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2. Dairy and dairy cross animals less than two (2) months of age (except those originating from an Accredited-free herd in an Accredited-free state) shall be quarantined to their Nebraska destination and tested negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days after reaching two (2) months of age. These animals shall remain at the Nebraska destination and not be removed from this premises without the approval of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry; or
3. Dairy and dairy cross animals two (2) months of age or older (except those originating from an Accredited-free herd in an Accredited-free state) shall be tested and found negative to an official tuberculin test after reaching two (2) months of age and within 60 days prior to entry into Nebraska.

Sexually intact dairy and dairy cross animals over two (2) months of age imported into Nebraska for exhibition purposes, shall meet one of the following:

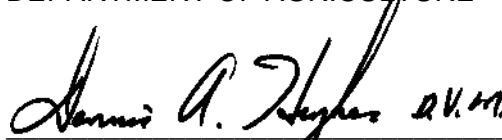
1. Originate from an accredited herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection; or
2. Originate from a herd that has had a negative whole herd test within three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to entry and the individual animals to be imported shall have been part of the whole herd test; or
3. Shall have been individually tested and found negative to tuberculosis after reaching two (2) months of age and within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

Any sexually intact dairy and dairy cross animal remaining in Nebraska after the exhibition shall be in compliance with the Nebraska Animal Importation Act, or the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations, or Sections 1 through 3 of this order, whichever is more restrictive.

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

Dated this 17th day of June, 2008.

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