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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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BOVINE IMPORTATION ORDER
FOR THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA,
CANADA ORIGIN CATTLE

May 6, 2013

Effective May 6, 2013, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is issuing an Importation Order for all bovine animals (cattle and bison) originating from the Province of Manitoba, Canada, due to ongoing bovine tuberculosis affected animals in the Riding Mountain National Park area, specifically free-roaming wildlife (such as elk) and livestock. This Importation Order is being issued to protect the Nebraska livestock industries and to aid in the tracing of bovine animals, which could be used for breeding purposes, imported into Nebraska from the Province of Manitoba, Canada.

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-701 and 54-753.05, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 to 54-796 (the Act), and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations, Title 23, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 2, (23 NAC 2) (the regulations), specifically subsection 004.11, this Order is issued this 6th day of May, 2013, for the purpose of protecting the health status of Nebraska's livestock industries.

All bovine animals which have lived any part of their lives in Canada shall be individually identified with an official Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag, or an official identification device or method as defined in 9 C.F.R. §93.400, and all identification numbers shall be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Purebred registered bovine animals may be imported with ear tattoos provided the following requirements are met: (a) all tattoos shall be legible; (b) tattoos shall be official breed registration tattoos and accompanied by a breed registration certificate; and (c) all animals identified with a breed registration tattoo shall also be identified with the "CAN" tattoo applied to the inside of the left ear. Non-registered Canadian bovine animals shall be properly hot iron or freeze branded with the "CAN" high on the right hip prior to entry (hair brands are not acceptable).

This Order is in addition to all other animal importation requirements set forth in the Act and the Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. **All sexually intact bovine animals two months of age and older (cattle and bison) imported into Nebraska (except as noted in B below), which originate from the Province of Manitoba, Canada, shall:**
 - 1. Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to import into Nebraska, but shall not be tested prior to reaching two months of age; and

2. Be individually identified with permanent, official identification by a device or method approved by United States Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Veterinary Services (USDA/APHIS/VS); or
3. Be individually identified, pursuant to 23 NAC 2-012, with a device or method which:
 - a. Provides a unique identification number for the animal; and
 - b. Can be traced back to the herd where the tag was originally applied.

B. Exceptions to A above include:

1. Bovine animals moving direct to slaughter (direct to slaughter means delivered directly to a federally recognized slaughter establishment, as such establishment is defined in 9 C.F.R. §78.1); or
2. Sexually intact bovine animals quarantined to a feedlot until moved direct to slaughter (as defined in B1 above). Such sexually intact bovine animals shall not be diverted from slaughter, and cannot be used for breeding purposes. All sexually intact bovine animals imported for this purpose will require a pre-entry permit, with the permit number recorded on the CVI, which shall state, "All sexually intact bovine animals in this consignment will be quarantined to the consignee for feeding purposes only, and delivered to slaughter only;" and
 - a. Be individually identified with permanent, official identification by a device or method approved by USDA/APHIS/VS; or
 - b. Be individually identified pursuant to 23 NAC 2-012, with a device or method which:
 - i. Provides a unique identification number for the animal; and
 - ii. Can be traced back to the herd where the tag was originally applied.

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 6th day of May, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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