

# Animal Disease Traceability



## Final Traceability Rule for Cattle Moving in Interstate Commerce

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# Traceability for Livestock Moving Interstate

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# Livestock Included in the Rule

- Captive cervids
- Cattle and bison
- Equines
- Poultry
- Sheep and goats
- Swine

# General Requirements

Livestock moved interstate must, unless otherwise exempt:

Be officially identified

Have ICVI or other documentation




# Summary of Revisions to Proposed Rule

- Clarified all interstate movements to custom slaughter are exempt
- Recognize brands and breed registry ID as official for cattle and bison
  - When ship from/to States agree



# Summary of Revisions to Proposed Rule (Continued)

- Removed the phase-in of the official identification requirements of beef cattle under 18 months of age



# Summary of Revisions to Proposed Rule (Continued)

- Ongoing option to use backtags in lieu of official ID for “direct to slaughter” cattle movements
  - Must be slaughtered within 3 days
- ICVI requirements:
  - Other documentation acceptable for all ages of cattle when agreed to by shipping/receiving States and Tribes



# Summary of Revisions to Proposed Rule (Continued)

- Revised record keeping requirements for approved livestock facilities
  - Poultry and swine: 2 years versus 5 years  
(Maintained 5 years for cattle and bison, sheep and goats, cervids and equine)

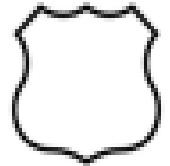




# Summary of Revisions to Proposed Rule (Continued)

- Official Eartag Shield

- “US” or State postal abbreviation imprinted inside US route shield
- Imprint on all tags produced after March 11, 2014
  - Encourage new tags be imprinted with Official Eartag Shield asap
- Use on all animal tagged after March 11, 2015



US Route Shield



Official Eartag Shield

Note: USDA will default to imprinting “US” in the shield for all tags they administer.

# Summary of Revisions to Proposed Rule (Continued)

- Animal Identification Number
  - Increased phase-out timeline for AIN tags with mfrs codes and USA prefix
    - Now 24 months versus 12 months
    - Official when applied on or before March 11, 2015
  - Recognize AINs with Territory code as official
    - E.g., Puerto Rico = 630
  - Revised/clarified text regarding 840 reserved for US born animals



# Summary of Revisions to Proposed Rule (Continued)

- ICVIs
  - Accept State approved addenda
  - Inspection of animals for interstate movement and completion of the ICVI may occur at different locations

# Official ID

- Defined by species
- States/Tribes must:
  - Accept all methods of official ID
  - Receiving State can't require specific ID
- Shipping/receiving States/Tribes may accept other IDs if both agree



# Official Eartags

- Approved by APHIS
  - Authorizes mfr. to use official eartag shield
  - Approved devices listed on traceability Website



# Official Eartags

- Imprinted with
  - Official eartag shield
  - Official ID number
    - National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES)
    - Animal Identification Number (AIN)
    - Location-based numbering system
    - Flock-based numbering system



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# Information on ICVI

## Prescribed through §86.1 Definitions

- Certificate number
- Species
- Number of animals
- Purpose of movement
- Ship from and destination address
- Names of consignor/consignee
- Location addresses and consignor / consignee addresses

# Information on ICVI

**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
 Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
 Bureau of Animal and Poultry Inspection Services  
 One 9th Building - Room 102  
 810 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219  
 Telephone: (804) 786-3653

**CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION**  
 For Use Only In Shipping Domestic Livestock and Poultry  
 Certificate Void After 30 Days  
 Current Import Requirements Can Be Obtained From the State of Destination

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Page of Pages  
 Date of Shipment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entry Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Origin - Name & Address (911 Address or Prem. ID Required)  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Premises Identification Number (PIN): \_\_\_\_\_

Destination - Name & Address (911 Address or Prem. ID Required)  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Re-Consign Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # To Be Consigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disease: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Consignee - Name & Address (Different Than Point of Origin)  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consignee - Name & Address (If Different Than Destination)  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Discussions: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cattle  Equine  Tuberculosis  Accredited No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sheep  Goat  Feces  Certified No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Swine  Poultry  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of Animals: \_\_\_\_\_ PRV: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carrier Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breeding  Show  
 Feeding  Sale  
 Slaughter  Relocate

Statement / Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Line # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Injection Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TB Test: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brucellosis Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Description/Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner  Agent CERTIFIED  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Certification: "I certify, as an accredited veterinarian, that the identified animals listed on this Certificate have been inspected by me and that they are not manifesting signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease. The vaccinations, treatments, and results of tests are as indicated on the Certificate. To the best of my knowledge, the animals listed on this Certificate meet the health requirements of the state of destination and federal interstate regulations."  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Warning: It is a felony to forge a public record, certificate, or attestation, or to utter a forged public record, certificate, or attestation.

- Official ID of each animal/group moved
- If States have agreed on alternative ID, a record of that ID
- If animals are exempt from Official ID, such exemption from 9CFR86 should be noted on the certificate
  - E.g., "Cattle Moving to an Approved Tagging Site"



# Administration of ICVI

## Prescribed through §86.5

- Veterinarian that issues ICVI must forward copy to their State/Tribe AHO in 7 calendar days
- Shipping State/Tribe AHO provides destination State/Tribe AHO copy in 7 calendar days

# Final Rule: Requirements for Cattle & Bison



# Cattle & Bison

- **Official identification methods**
  - Official eartag
  - Group/lot identification (GIN)
    - When a GIN is applicable.

# Cattle & Bison

- **Official identification methods** (continued)
  - Methods official when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities
    - Brands
      - Registered with a recognized brand inspection
      - Accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate
    - Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association
      - Accompanied by a breed registration certificate



# Cattle & Bison

## Official identification required for:

- All sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or over;
- All female dairy cattle of any age and all dairy males born after March 11, 2013;
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, recreational events, shows and exhibitions



# Cattle & Bison

## Official identification not required for:

- Beef cattle under 18 months of age (feeder/stocker cattle)
  - Will be considered through a separate rule making.
    - No timeline currently established

# Cattle & Bison

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## Movement documentation:

- ICVI required, unless:
  - Moved directly to slaughter or directly to an approved livestock facility then directly to slaughter, and;
  - Accompanied with owner shipment statement for the movement from the farm to slaughter or farm to approved livestock facility.
    - OSS not required for movement from an approved livestock facility to slaughter.



# Cattle & Bison

## Movement documentation:

- ICVI required, unless: (continued)
  - Moved directly to an approved livestock facility with an owner-shipper statement
    - Do not move interstate from the facility unless accompanied by an ICVI.



# Cattle & Bison

## Movement documentation:

- ICVI required, unless: (continued)
  - Moved for veterinary medical examination or treatment
    - Returned to the farm of origin without change in ownership.

# Cattle & Bison

## Movement documentation:

- ICVI required, unless: (continued)
  - Moved directly from one State through another State and back to the original State.
  - Moved as a commuter herd with a copy of the commuter herd agreement or other document as agreed to by the States or Tribes

# Cattle & Bison

## Movement documentation:

- ICVI required, unless: (continued)
  - Moved with documentation other than an ICVI,
    - As agreed upon by animal health officials in the shipping and receiving States or Tribes
      - E.g., brand inspection certificate
    - No limitation on age of animals



# Cattle & Bison

## Movement documentation:

Official ID numbers recorded unless:

- Moved to slaughter
- Steers or spayed heifers
- Sexually intact beef cattle under 18 months

*Note: All sexually intact dairy cattle<sup>1</sup> and all cattle/bison used for rodeo, exhibition or recreational purposes must have ID's recorded on movement documents.*

<sup>1</sup> See following slides for detail on dairy bull and dairy steers



# Dairy Steers

- Official ID requirement is applicable to all dairy steers born after March 11, 2013
  - However, consider exemptions to official ID in 86.4(b)(1) (A) – (D)
    - E.g., Dairy steers moved direct to slaughter are exempt from Official ID
- Official ID numbers of dairy steers do not need to be recorded on movement documents



# Dairy Bulls

- Official ID requirement is applicable to all dairy bulls born after March 11, 2013
  - However, consider exemptions to official ID in 86.4(b)(1) (A) – (D)
    - E.g., Dairy bulls moved direct to slaughter are exempt from Official ID
- Additionally, dairy bulls over 18 months of age when moved interstate require official ID
  - Covered by clause, “All sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age and older” require official ID



# Dairy Bulls (continued)

- Official ID's need to be recorded on movement documents for all dairy bulls when official identification is required for the interstate movement.



# Approved Tagging Sites

## Definition:

- A premises, authorized by APHIS, State, or Tribal animal health officials, where livestock may be officially identified on behalf of their owner or the person in possession, care, or control of the animals when they are brought to the premises.





# Approved Tagging Sites

## Official ID Exemption for Cattle:

(C) The cattle and bison are moved interstate directly to an approved tagging site and are officially identified before commingling with cattle and bison from other premises or identified by the use of backtags or other methods that will ensure that the identity of the animal is accurately maintained until tagging so that the official eartag can be correlated to the person responsible for shipping the animal to the approved tagging site.



# Approved Tagging Sites

- Approval administered locally
- Approved livestock facilities are not required to be tagging sites
  - If they elect not to be an approved tagging sites, they cannot accept cattle that are not officially ID'd (when official ID is required through Part 86 )

# Commuter Herd

A herd of cattle or bison moved interstate during the course of normal livestock management operations and without change of ownership directly between two premises, as provided in a commuter herd agreement.



# Commuter Herd Agreement

A written agreement between the owner(s) of a herd of cattle or bison and the animal health officials for the States or Tribes of origin and destination specifying the conditions required for the interstate movement from one premises to another in the course of normal livestock management operations and specifying the time period, up to 1 year, that the agreement is effective. A commuter herd agreement may be renewed annually.



# Owner-shipper Statement

A statement signed by the owner or shipper of the livestock being moved stating:

- Location from which the animals are moved interstate;
- Destination of the animals;
- Number of animals;
- Species;
- Name and address of the owner at the time of the movement;
- Name and address of the shipper;
- Official identification of each animal
  - Unless the regulations specifically provide that the identification does not have to be recorded



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## Animal Disease Traceability

On Thursday, December 20th, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a final rule establishing general regulations for improving the traceability of U.S. livestock moving interstate.

"With the final rule announced today, the United States now has a flexible, effective animal disease traceability system for livestock moving interstate, without undue burdens for ranchers and U.S. livestock businesses," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The final rule meets the diverse needs of the countryside where states and tribes can develop systems for tracking animals that work best for them and their producers, while addressing gaps in our overall disease response efforts. Over the past several years, USDA has listened carefully to America's farmers and ranchers, working collaboratively to establish a system of tools and safeguards that will help us target when and where animal diseases occur, and help us respond quickly."

Under the final rule, unless specifically exempted, livestock moved interstate would have to be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection or other documentation, such as owner-shipper statements or brand certificates.

After considering the public comments received, the final rule has several differences from the proposed rule issued in August 2011. These include:

- Accepting the use of brands, tattoos and brand registration as official identification when accepted by the shipping and receiving States or Tribes
- Permanently maintaining the use of backtags as an

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- ADT General Standards
- Audio Recording: Animal Disease Traceability Stakeholder Call
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