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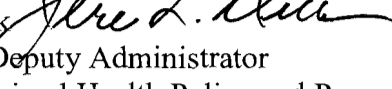
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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Cattle and Bison Movements from Modified Accredited States or Zones

Minnesota's tuberculosis status for cattle and bison was recently reclassified from modified accredited advanced to modified accredited (MA). Since this change became known, a number of questions have been asked regarding movement requirements from MA States.

Movement requirements are defined in title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations* (9 CFR), and further described in the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules (UMR), January 2005. The regulations in 9 CFR 77.12 on cattle and bison moving from an MA State or zone require the following:

Cattle or bison that originate in a modified accredited State or zone, and that are not known to be infected with or exposed to tuberculosis, may be moved interstate only under one of the following conditions:

- (a) The cattle or bison are moved directly to slaughter at an approved slaughtering establishment.
- (b) The cattle or bison are sexually intact heifers moved to an approved feedlot, or are steers or spayed heifers; are either officially identified or identified by premises of origin identification; and are accompanied by a certificate stating that they were classified negative to an official tuberculin test conducted within 60 days prior to the date of movement.
- (c) The cattle or bison are from an accredited herd and are accompanied by a certificate stating that the accredited herd completed the testing necessary for accredited status with negative results within 1 year prior to the date of movement.
- (d) The cattle or bison are sexually intact animals; are not from an accredited herd; are officially identified; and are accompanied by a certificate stating that the herd from which they originated was negative to a whole herd test conducted within



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1 year prior to the date of movement and that the individual animals to be moved were negative to an additional official tuberculin test conducted within 60 days prior to the date of movement, except that the additional test is not required if the animals are moved interstate within 60 days following the whole herd test.

Additionally, based on the UMR, cull cattle or bison that are either officially identified or identified by an official premises identification number may be moved through one approved livestock facility and then direct to an approved slaughtering establishment if:

- the cull cattle and bison are not commingled with any other class of animal during transport to, from, or while at the market; and
- the livestock market maintains records to verify that all cull cattle and bison moved under this exception are slaughtered within 5 working days after the sale.

The age requirements for whole herd testing are specified in 9 CFR 77.5. Testing is required of all cattle and bison in a herd that are 12 months of age or older, and of all cattle and bison in the herd that are less than 12 months of age and were not born into the herd, except those cattle and bison that are less than 12 months of age and were born in and originated from an accredited herd. The UMR further clarifies that for interstate movement, the minimum age of animals to be tested is 2 months.

Questions have also been asked regarding cattle and bison that are commingled. If cattle and bison from an accredited-free State or zone commingle with untested, test eligible cattle or bison from a lower status State or zone during transport to, from, or while at any livestock assembly facility or market, the animals from the accredited-free State or zone will immediately assume the lower status and must be moved according to the requirements in 9 CFR 77 for the lower status State or zone.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work toward the eradication of tuberculosis from our national herd. For additional information, please contact Dr. Francisco Collazo-Mattei by e-mail at Francisco.Collazo-Mattei@aphis.usda.gov or by telephone at (301) 734-0843.