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ORDER RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION OF DAIRY BREEDS OF CATTLE DUE TO TUBERCULOSIS

Now on this 1st day of April, 2012, the Animal Health Commissioner has determined that there are grounds to restrict the importation of dairy cattle into this state. Recent outbreaks of Tuberculosis in dairy cattle have indicated these animals pose an increased risk of being infected with and transmitting bovine tuberculosis which is a disease transmissible to other susceptible species including cattle and humans. This exposure may occur by contact or close proximity to infected animals. Current practices within the dairy industry and movement of young dairy animals without identification have increased the risk of disease and spread and reduced the ability to trace any infected animal to its point of origin.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to K.S.A. 47-607(c), K.S.A. 47-610, K.S.A. 47-611(a), and K.S.A. 47-620 that, until further notice, the following conditions apply to importing dairy cattle into the state of Kansas:

(1) All dairy cattle regardless of age that are intended for breeding and/or milking purposes must be officially identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.

(2) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) and in accordance with K.A.R. 9-7-4(a)(2), all dairy cattle imported for breeding and/or milking purposes that are 6 months and age and older, originating from states or zones recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as Tuberculosis Accredited Free or Modified Accredited Advanced, must have tested negative for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to importation into Kansas, unless they originate and move directly from a herd Accredited as Tuberculosis free by the USDA. If they originate from an Accredited Free herd, the accreditation number and the date of the last test conducted within 1 year of movement into Kansas must be recorded on the CVI.

3) All dairy cattle intended for breeding and/or milking purposes, that are 2 months and age and older, originating from areas recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as Modified Accredited (MA) states or zones for tuberculosis, must be officially identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and meet one of the following requirements:

a) Originate and move directly from a Tuberculosis Accredited Free herd within the state of origin and have tested negative on whole herd test for tuberculosis within 1 year of movement into Kansas; or

b) Originate and move directly from a herd within the state of origin that has had negative whole herd tuberculosis test within the previous year, and the individual animals moving into Kansas have tested negative to an additional tuberculosis test within 60 days of movement into the state. This will not apply to those animals that are moved into Kansas within 60 days of the whole herd test.

4) Dairy steers and spayed heifers from areas recognized by the USDA as Modified Accredited Advanced (MAA) Tuberculosis regions or zones, regardless of age, are to be officially identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in the state of origin. Exceptions will only be made for those animals that move directly to a feedlot recognized by USDA as a Tuberculosis Approved feedlot or originate and move directly from a Tuberculosis Accredited Free herd in that state or region, or for animals moving directly to licensed slaughter facility within Kansas.

5) Dairy steers and spayed heifers from areas recognized by the USDA as Modified Accredited (MA) Tuberculosis regions or zones, regardless of age, are to be to be officially identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in the state of origin. In addition, these animals must either originate and move directly from a Tuberculosis Accredited Free herd in the state of origin, or have tested negative for tuberculosis within 60 days of movement into Kansas. Testing requirements will not apply for those animals that move directly to a feedlot recognized by USDA as a Tuberculosis Approved feedlot or for animals moving directly to licensed slaughter facility within Kansas.

6) All dairy calves under 60 days of age, regardless of their sex or state of origin, moving into Kansas not accompanied by their dams, must be officially identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, and must remain quarantined to their premises of destination in Kansas for 60 days after entry.

A permit number issued by the Animal Health Division of the Kansas Department of Agriculture must be obtained prior to entry from the veterinarian and written on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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