Kansas Trichomoniasis Regulation Effective

After 36 public meetings in the past 18 months with at least 2,000 stakeholders participating, the Kansas Department of Agriculture’s Division of Animal Health published a final regulation, effective October 4, 2013, regarding Trichomoniasis in cattle.

The final regulation addresses the change of ownership of bulls within Kansas and import requirements for both bulls and females. The department reviewed public comments and addressed stakeholder concerns in the final rule. To learn more, including a list of requirements and available forms, visit agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health.

Government Shutdown and Veterinary Supplies - Paul Grosdidier, DVM

During the recent government shutdown, a federal warehouse stocked with veterinary supplies in Kansas City was closed. This created a shortage of metal ID tags, calfhood vaccination tags, backtags and backtag glue. KDAH did some reshuffling of supplies and kept markets and veterinarians supplied for this two-week period. However, it was a wake-up call on how dependent we are on this warehouse.

Another shutdown could occur again when the continuing resolution expires. All veterinarians, livestock markets and their staffs are advised to take a few minutes to check your supply of metal ID tags, calfhood vaccination tags, TB antigen, backtags/glue and anything else that may be ordered from the federal warehouse. If your supply will not last until about April 1, 2013, please order enough to get you through to that time, just in case the warehouse should once again be closed.
Veterinary Services Reorganization - Stakeholder Announcement

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) implemented its reorganization in early November 2013. It will take time to get fully accustomed to the new structure, work out all of the details of the reorganization, and establish new business processes. During this transition, VS will work to ensure that customer needs are met.

Under VS’ new organizational structure, four strategically focused organizational units have been created. The four units are: Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services (SPRS), National Import Export Services (NIES), Science, Technology and Analysis Services (STAS), and Program Support Services (PSS). Organizing by major services allow VS to better align with the changing dynamics of animal health and customer needs.

In Kansas, this change has significant, but positive effects. The Kansas VS Area Office has been selected to serve as one of six national Import/Export Service Centers. This center will service seven states including Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. International exports have continued to expand in number and complexity. This new structure will allow us to provide services in a more innovative, efficient and consistent manner.

Please be assured that routine supply orders will continue to be filled through our office by calling (785) 228-6565.

The Federal field representation throughout the state of Kansas will also remain unchanged. You may continue to contact your local Veterinary Medical Officer or Animal Health Technician in your area for all of your regulatory animal health needs. In addition, information and questions regarding the National Veterinary Accreditation Program may continue to be channeled to the Kansas VS Office for assistance by calling (785) 228-6565.

Though our roles will continue to evolve and change, we look forward to providing you the service and support you have come to expect and deserve.

Animal Exports

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Kansas remains a very relevant state in regard to the shipment of live animals abroad. Our office routinely assists exporters and veterinarians with the export of livestock and pets worldwide.

We realize that many veterinarians do not regularly deal with international export and we want them to know our office is willing to assist with any questions or concerns they may have.

The USDA APHIS VS District 5 Service Center office in Topeka often fields questions regarding the requirements of the importing country. While we are always happy to assist with these requests, the requirements can often be found on the APHIS website at the following link: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_exports.shtml. Once a visitor accesses the link, they can proceed to a search for the country of interest alphabetically and then access the requirements for each species listed.

In the event the requirements are not listed, the importer is urged to contact the animal health authorities in the importing country. Once the written requirements are obtained from the importing country, they should be forwarded to our office for review and to assure the requirements are indeed endorsable.

Once again, feel free to contact our office with any questions concerning international exports.

Rudy Deines - Brands Program Special Investigator Dies

Rudolph Rudy Deines, 75, passed away November 2, 2013 in Topeka, Kan. Rudy was a special investigator for the Kansas Animal Health Department Brand program from 1979 until his retirement in 2012.

Prior to joining Animal Health, Rudy was an investigator for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation from 1972-1979 and a trooper for the Kansas Highway Patrol from 1966-1972. He was one of only two special investigators for the Kansas Brands Program, and he was instrumental in catching many cattle rustlers over the years.

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Dr. Donald Evans Receives Federal Partnership Award

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The US Animal Health Association recently established an award to recognize federal partners who regularly work closely with USAHA members. The USAHA Federal Partnership Award recognizes a federal employee who has demonstrated commendable service to the betterment of animal health, demonstrated by partnerships with states and industry stakeholders through leadership, expertise and other accomplishments.

Dr. Don Evans, the Kansas Designated Epidemiologist for cooperative disease programs, received the 2013 Federal Partnership Award. Dr. Evans has spent much of his career in the regulatory field following graduation from Kansas State University in 1977. He joined USDA-APHIS in 1989 and was assigned to the Kansas area office in 1993.

He is well-recognized across the country, particularly for his work in brucellosis and the RB51 vaccine trials, and he is a regular presenter at the Brucellosis Epidemiology training courses and a mentor for one-on-one training required for designated brucellosis epidemiologists from other states and Mexico.

As a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician, Dr. Evans has participated in numerous emergency details including; California Tuberculosis Response 2008; New Mexico Tuberculosis Response 2007; Minnesota Tuberculosis Response 2006; Washington State BSE Response 2004; and five details in California and Nevada for the Exotic Newcastle Disease Outbreak. In addition, he has been on numerous surveillance and diagnostic testing workgroups with state and federal partners.

Kansas Animal Health is honored to have worked as a state partner with Dr. Evans.

Dr. Gary Anderson Receives E.P. Pope Award

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians awarded Dr. Gary Anderson, director of the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University, with the prestigious 2013 E.P. Pope Award.

The award provides the highest acknowledgement of those members who have made noteworthy contributions to the association and who have advanced the implementation and recognition of the specialty of veterinary diagnostic medicine. The award is presented in memory of Edward P. Pope, a founder of the AAVLD.

Anderson became the director of the KSVDL in 2005. He earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from South Dakota State University in 1975. He then earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and a master's degree in veterinary pathology from KSU in 1979 and received his doctorate in comparative pathology with a minor in immunopathology/immunovirology in 1983 from the University of California, Davis.

Animal Facilities Inspection Hires Jeff Jones

Jeff Jones joined the AFI team in August of this year as an Animal Facility Inspector. His major responsibilities include inspecting licensed small animal facilities and investigating complaints. He is a graduate of Kansas State University, with a Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science. Jeff resides in rural Olsburg, along with his wife Marie and two children, Blake and Vanessa.