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REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS INTO THE  
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I, Joe Dyer, Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington by virtue of the authority vested in me under Chapter 16.36 and 16.44, RCW, after due notice as provided under Chapter 34.04 and 42.32, RCW, and a public hearing held in Olympia on June 1, 1961, do promulgate the following regulations:

Regulation 1. For the purpose of these rules "the Director" means the Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington or his duly authorized representative.

Regulation 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to import any domestic animal into this state unless in compliance with the requirements set forth hereafter in this Order. No domestic animal, including poultry, that is affected with any infectious or communicable disease shall be imported into the State unless written permission for the importation is obtained from the Director, and shipment is in compliance with Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations.

Regulation 3. For the purposes of this Order the term "Health Certificate" means a legible certificate executed on an official form of the state of origin or of the Animal Disease Eradication Division, United States Department of Agriculture, by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who is approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state of origin or the proper official of the Animal Disease Eradication Division, United States Department of Agriculture, and shall contain the following information.

- (a) Date of inspection. (All health certificates void after 30 days.) Provided, the Director may give special exemption to the 30 day limit for show animals originating from disease-free states, herd and groups.
- (b) Names and addresses of the consignor and consignee.
- (c) Certification that the animals are free from evidence of infectious and communicable disease.
- (d) Results of any test required.
- (e) Description of each animal to include species, age, sex, tag or tattoo, number and if registered, the registry name and number.
- (f) Certification of disinfection of cars or trucks when required.

All health certificates shall be approved by the Livestock Sanitary Official of the state of origin before the animals are imported and they shall be forwarded immediately to the Department of Agriculture, Olympia, Washington

Regulation 4. Immediate slaughter cattle - Cattle may be shipped into the state of Washington for immediate slaughter without inspection or health certification: PROVIDED:

- (a) The waybills or certificates are marked stating the animals are for immediate slaughter, and
  - (b) The animals will be slaughtered within fourteen (14) days after arrival at destination, and
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- (c) The animals are consigned to a slaughter plant operating under the Federal Meat Inspection Act; or a slaughter plant specifically approved under Chapter 78.15, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations; or to a federally inspected stockyard or a salesyard specifically approved under Chapter 78.15, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, for sale to such a slaughter establishment.

Regulation 5. Vehicles - All trucks, railway cars and other conveyances used for the transportation of domestic animals shall be maintained in a sanitary condition, and cleaned and disinfected when required by the Director.

Regulation 6. Quarantine - Domestic animals entering the State without proper health certificate or official permission, or not meeting the health requirements of the State of Washington, shall be held in quarantine at the owner's expense until released from quarantine by the Director.

Regulation 7. Domestic equine animals shall be accompanied by a health certificate stating that they are clinically free from infectious and communicable disease.

Regulation 8. All domestic bovine animals, except those for immediate slaughter, shall be accompanied by a health certificate stating that they are clinically free from infectious and communicable disease, and in addition shall meet the following tuberculosis and brucellosis requirements:

(a) Tuberculosis -

- (1) All cattle must originate in a tuberculosis-free accredited herd, area or state, or a modified accredited area.
- (2) All dairy cattle must be negative to tuberculosis test within thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate from a tuberculosis-free accredited herd.

(b) Brucellosis - All animals except steers and spayed heifers shall be:

- (1) Under 8 months of age and not from a quarantined herd; or
- (2) From a certified brucellosis-free herd, area, or state; or
- (3) Official vaccinates under thirty (30) months of age and originate in a modified certified brucellosis area; or be an official vaccinate under thirty (30) months of age, plus permit, if originating from an area that is not a modified certified brucellosis area; or
- (4) Negative to an official brucellosis test within thirty (30) days if from a modified certified brucellosis area; or negative to an official brucellosis test, plus permit, if originating from an area that is not a modified certified brucellosis area; Provided, that all cattle entering the state on permit under this provision must enter under quarantine and be subject to additional tests as determined by the Director.

(c) Steers and spayed heifers are exempt from brucellosis requirements.

- (d) All animals, except steers, originating in lots or consignments at salesyards in which reactors to a brucellosis test have been found, may enter the state only if a permit to import has been secured from the Department of Agriculture, Olympia. Animals imported under such permit shall be placed under quarantine at destination and shall be held in

isolation until released by the Director. Such animals will be released from quarantine only when no reactors are found by two tests (at the owner's expense) of the entire lot, the first test not less than thirty (30) days following date of entry into the State; the second test to be made not later than thirty days nor more than ninety days following preceding test.

- (e) Feeder steers shall be accompanied by a health certificate stating that they are clinically free from infectious and communicable disease, but are exempt from the brucellosis requirements.
- (f) Feeder cattle other than steers shall be accompanied by a health certificate stating that they are clinically free from infectious and communicable disease but may be exempt from the brucellosis requirements only if a written or telegraphic permit to import has been secured from the Director. Such permits will be granted only for cattle consigned to a quarantined registered feed lot as defined by existing orders.
- (g) Entry of Cattle for Grazing Purposes: Bulls and female cattle of the beef breeds may be moved into Washington, on permit, for winter holding or for grazing purposes; provided herds of origin are qualified under the area plan; or originate in a modified certified brucellosis area; or are under testing program of Uniform Methods and Rules adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture. The Director shall place such herds under quarantine or require segregation as deemed necessary to prevent the spread of brucellosis or other infectious or contagious diseases.

Regulation 9. Goats, except those for immediate slaughter, shall be accompanied by a health certificate stating they are clinically free from infectious and communicable disease and a record of a negative brucellosis test made within thirty (30) days prior to date of entry. Goats under 8 months of age are exempt from brucellosis requirements.

Regulation 10. Sheep, except those for immediate slaughter, shall be accompanied by a health certificate stating they are clinically free from infectious and communicable disease and in addition shall comply with the following requirements which shall be stated on the health certificate.

- (a) Originate from a state in which no blue tongue, scabies or scrapie has existed for one year; or
- (b) By special permit from the Department of Agriculture, Olympia, Washington.

Regulation 11. Swine, except those for immediate slaughter, shall be accompanied by an official health certificate stating that they are free from infectious and contagious disease and shall comply with the following requirements which must be stated on the health certificate:

- (a) Hog Cholera -
  - (1) Originate from an area in which hog cholera does not exist or enter by permit, and
  - (2) Be vaccinated simultaneously with serum and modified live virus vaccine not less than 14 days prior to entry and the amount of serum and vaccine to be in accordance with paragraph 76.5 (f), (1) or (3), Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations: or
  - (3) Be vaccinated with serum alone not less than 14 days nor more than 30 days with amounts of serum to be 150% of the amount recommended in paragraph 76.5, (f), (1), Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations.
  - (4) Swine vaccinated with virulent hog cholera virus will

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not be accepted.

- (5) Feeder swine may enter the state of Washington without vaccination only on special permit by the Director if for consignment to special quarantine swine feeding premises.

Regulation 12. All dogs over 3 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies not less than 14 days nor more than 12 months prior to date of entry if killed virus vaccine is used; or not less than 14 days nor more than 2 years prior to date of entry if modified live virus vaccine is used. Health certificates must be signed by an accredited veterinarian who must verify in writing that the animal has not originated from a rabies quarantined area, and to the best of his knowledge the animal has not been exposed to rabies within the last 6 months, and must accompany both dogs and cats.

Regulation 13. All poultry shall be subject to the following:


(a) Pullorum - Chickens, turkeys or other poultry over 5 months of age must be negative to pullorum typhoid test within 30 days preceding entry or must originate in flocks participating in the National Poultry (or Turkey) Improvement Plan. Eggs, day old chicks and poults may enter if originating from flocks classified as pullorum "passed" or better.

(b) Ornithosis - Poultry and eggs from flocks in areas where ornithosis is diagnosed may enter by permit only.

Regulation 14. All persons who intend to ship or bring psittacine birds, (parrots, parakeets, etc.), into the state must obtain prior approval from the Washington State Department of Health, Smith Tower, Seattle 4, Washington.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW 16.36.110) provides: A violation of or a failure to comply with any provision of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor. Each day upon which a violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation. Any person violating the provisions of RCW 16.36.005, 16.36.000, 16.36.103, 16.36.105, 16.36.107, 16.36.108 or 16.36.109 may be enjoined from continuing such violation.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.

  
JOE DWYER  
Director of Agriculture  
State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date: June 19, 1961