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HEALTH, BRANDS AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGULATIONS
PERTAINING TO PUBLIC LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

I, Joe Dwyer, Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Chapter 54, Laws of 1959, Chapter 107, Laws of 1959, Chapter 291, Laws of 1959, Chapter 16.36 and 16.40, RCW, after due notice as provided under Chapter 42.32 RCW and a public hearing held in Olympia on June 11, 1959, do promulgate the following regulations relating to Public Livestock Markets:

Regulation 1. Brand Inspection Regulations

Section 1. "Public livestock market" for the purpose of these regulations shall hereinafter be referred to as "market."

Section 2. All livestock before being offered for sale at any market shall be brand inspected by a regulatory officer of this state.

Section 3. Whenever any livestock is offered for sale at a market and not sold, the identical animals may be offered for sale at the same market within eight days of the original inspection date without being required to pay a second brand inspection fee, upon presentation of the prior brand inspection certificate. In any such instance the unsold livestock must be presented for brand inspection without any animals having been taken from, or other animals having been added to, such lot or group of livestock and must be retained on the premises where first offered for sale within the time limit specified above.

Section 4. It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to identify each head of cattle consigned to a market by placing a numbered tag approved by the director on each animal before the livestock are brand inspected, except certain lots of one brand cattle may be exempted by the brand inspector. The licensee shall provide the brand inspector with a sale ticket or sales sheet immediately after the animal is sold which shall show the name of the new buyer and the number identifying the animal.

Section 5. Brand inspection facilities shall be approved by the director and shall consist of:

1. Adequate covered chute or chutes, and work space adjacent.
2. Adequate office facilities.

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3. Electrical outlets for clippers at chutes.
4. Adequate lighting of chutes.

Section 6. No person shall remove any livestock from the premises of any market without first obtaining a signed release from the licensee. PROVIDED, The licensee or any agent or employee thereof shall not allow the removal of any livestock from the premises of the market without first obtaining a brand inspection certificate of the livestock to be removed: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That swine, sheep, poultry and rabbits will be exempt from the brand inspection requirements of this regulation.

Section 7. The licensee shall be responsible for the moving and yarding of livestock necessary for brand inspection.

Regulation 2. Health and Sanitation Regulations.

Section 1. "Public livestock market" for the purpose of these regulations shall hereinafter be known as "market."

Section 2. For the purpose of carrying out health requirements of the act the licensee shall:

1. Designate to the veterinary inspector all animals requiring test or vaccination.
2. Make available substantiating records on pretested and prevaccinated animals.

Section 3. For livestock health purposes the licensee shall provide:

1. Adequate assistance in the handling of animals.
2. Adequate covered facilities for testing and vaccination.
3. Adequate laboratory room of sufficient size containing the following minimum facilities:
 - a. Sufficient counter space for test equipment and record keeping.
 - b. Sufficient electrical outlets for laboratory equipment.
 - c. Sink and hot water.
 - d. Adequate artificial lighting and a minimum of 70° heat.
 - e. Convenient location.

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Section 4. All livestock consigned to a market shall be subject to the following health requirements:

1. Any animal or animals which have been found by the veterinary inspector to be diseased or unhealthy may be sold only for immediate slaughter or quarantined to the owner or his authorized agent by the veterinary inspector and returned to the premises from which they originated.
2. No cattle, except steers and spayed heifers over the age of six months shall be released from a market unless they have been tested for brucellosis and found negative within thirty (30) days prior to release.
3. Cattle sold for immediate slaughter, and cattle sold and consigned to a person holding an unrevoked quarantine feed lot license from the Director of Agriculture need not be tested.
4. Calves officially vaccinated between the ages of four and eight months for calves of the dairy breeds and between four to twelve months for the beef breeds, if under 30 months of age at time of sale, and properly identified by tag or tattoo need not be tested.
5. All bovine animals being shipped into Washington may enter an approved market operating under Federal exemption status as defined by Title 9 statutes without health certificates or permit but must comply with Washington health requirements upon leaving this exempt market.

Section 5. Immediate slaughter livestock:

1. No person shall divert enroute to any point or place in this state, livestock which have been purchased through a market for slaughter or for a quarantine feed lot.
2. Livestock purchased for slaughter through a market may be consigned and sold only to a licensed slaughterer for immediate slaughter; or to a quarantine feed lot; or directly to another market for sale for immediate slaughter.

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3. Immediate slaughter brand certificates will not be issued at any market unless the purchaser first certifies the destination of said domestic animal or animals and such animals are identified in a manner prescribed by the director.
4. Cattle that have been declared immediate slaughter cattle shall not be commingled with cattle not so declared.
5. Animals consigned or sold to such points of slaughter or quarantine feed lot must arrive at a licensed slaughtering establishment or quarantine feed lot within ten days of the time of first being declared immediate slaughter cattle.

Section 6. Reactors to the brucellosis test shall be handled in the following manner:

1. Tagged with reactor identification tags in the left ear and branded "B" on the left jaw.
2. Placed in a "Quarantine Pen."
3. Sold at the close of the regular sale to licensed slaughterers or their designated agent operating under Federal or State inspection.
4. The veterinary inspector shall issue Form T.E. 27 on all reactors immediately after their sale and the pink copy (duplicate) must accompany the animals to slaughter. The original copy is to be mailed immediately to the Supervisor of Animal Industry, Olympia, and the triplicate mailed to the veterinary meat inspector in charge of the slaughtering establishment to which the reactors are consigned.
5. All brucellosis or tuberculosis reactors must be consigned and transported directly to a licensed slaughtering establishment for immediate slaughter and cannot be transported with any animals not so consigned. All trucks and railway cars or other conveyances used for the transportation of such reactors shall be cleaned and disinfected at destination under State or Federal supervision.

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Section 7. Health of Swine:

1. Covered facilities shall be provided for swine.
2. If clinical inspection or discovery of abnormal temperature reveals evidence of disease in swine, the entire lot shall be quarantined to the premises from which they originated, or placed in an "Isolation Pen," and the Supervisor of Animal Industry, Olympia, notified immediately.
3. All swine, except immediate slaughter hogs or suckling pigs under six weeks of age that are nursing sows, must be vaccinated against hog cholera and must be accompanied by a certificate of vaccination by a licensed veterinarian stating that they were:
 - a. Immunized with serum and virus at least 30 days prior to sale, or
 - b. Immunized with modified live virus vaccine at least 10 days prior to sale, or
 - c. Vaccinated at the time of sale with modified live virus vaccine plus at least 15 cc. of serum.
 - d. Serum only in dosage prescribed by manufacturer for pregnant sows.
 - e. All swine vaccinated at the market shall be identified by approved ear tag; except pregnant sows vaccinated with serum only.

Section 8. The licensee shall not permit livestock to be removed from the premises of a market until a health clearance has been obtained covering the livestock to be removed.

Regulation 3. Scale Installation Regulations.

Section 1. Approaches and accessibility for testing.

1. A convenient unobstructed hard surfaced approach to the livestock scale at the scale deck level must be provided when the scale is inaccessible for a test truck.
2. Doors and passageways shall be a minimum of six feet in width.

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Regulation 3. Scale Installation Regulations. (Continued)

Section 2. The scale deck shall be constructed preferably of reinforced concrete with "Z" bar coping. If cleats are used which are more than 3/4" in thickness such cleats shall be hinged or readily removable, otherwise a satisfactory covering for such cleats must be provided to allow for proper testing.

Section 3. The stock rack shall be securely fastened to the scale deck. There shall be a minimum clearance of 3" between the rack and surrounding dead construction. Adequate space shall be provided so that interested parties may observe the weighing operation.

Section 4. The pit and foundation shall be of monolithic construction. Coping iron shall be required on all corners adjacent to the deck. The pit shall be six feet in depth, dry, and readily accessible for inspection. Electrical lighting facilities for inspection shall be provided. Exception to the six foot depth may be allowed, upon approval of the director, when conditions are sufficiently adverse. However, a minimum of two feet clearance shall always be provided between the lowest scale lever and the pit floor.

Section 5. The recording element shall be adequately housed for protection against wind and weather.

(Signed) Joe Dwyer
JOE DWYER
Director of Agriculture
State of Washington

Dated at Olympia, Washington
June 17, 1959