

State of Washington

Department of Agriculture

(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 1579

(1) I. Bob J. Mickelson, director of Department of Agriculture

do promulgate and adopt at Olympia, Washington (place)

the annexed rules relating to:

The importation of animals into the State of Washington WAC 16-54-082.

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. 78-05-070 filed with the code reviser on 4/28/78. Such rules shall take effect:

- [X] pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2).
[] at a later date, such date being

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

I. find that an emergency exists and that the foregoing order is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to public interest. A statement of the facts constituting such emergency is:

Such rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04 (1977 c 19 § 2) that "every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules" (fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate):

[X] (a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW 16.36 and 16.44 and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

[] (b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW which directs that the

(agency) has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

[] (c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule making authority of the

(agency)

as authorized in RCW

(4) The undersigned hereby declares that he has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) or the Higher Education Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 28B.19 RCW), as appropriate, and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW).

(5) This order after being first recorded in the order register of this agency is herewith transmitted to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

APPROVED AND ADOPTED June 7 1978

JUN 7 1978

By Bob J. Mickelson

Director of Agriculture

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

WSR 78-06-116

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

This statement relates to Order Number 1540 of the Department of Agriculture and is filed pursuant to Chapter 84, Laws of 1977, First Extraordinary Session.

- A. 1. re: AMEND WAC 16-54-082 relating to importation of domestic bovine animals.
2. Purpose of this order or order change is to establish regulations for animal importation.
3. Statutory authority for this action is found in Chapter 16.36 and 16.44 RCW.
- B. Summary of the rule or rule change: This rule imposes regulations for the importation of animals into the State of Washington.
- C. Person responsible for drafting the rule:
1. Name: Milton Skov, D.V.M.
2. Title: Assistant Director, Supervisor of Animal Industry
3. Office: Division of Animal Industry Phone: 753-5040
Mail Stop: EK 23
4. Inquiries regarding implementation and enforcement of the rule should be addressed to:
- Dr. Milton Skov
Assistant Director
Supervisor of Animal Industry EK 23
753-5040
- D. There are no known proponents and opponents to the adoption of this rule change. Public hearing was held and attendance is a matter of record.
- E. Agency comments or recommendations, if any, regarding statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters pertaining to the rule: None

WAC 16-54-082 DOMESTIC BOVINE ANIMALS. All domestic bovine animals (including bison) except those for immediate slaughter at a federally inspected establishment, or to a registered quarantined feed lot, or consigned to a state-federal approved stockyard, shall be accompanied by a health certificate (WAC 16-54-030 this Order) and shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Tuberculosis. (a) All beef and dairy cattle must originate from herds not under quarantine in a not less than modified accredited area.

(2) Brucellosis. (a) Cattle originating from states other than Washington: All domestic bovine animals (including bison) moving into Washington, except those consigned to registered quarantined feed lots, or to federally inspected slaughter establishments for immediate slaughter, shall be moved on a permit issued by the Animal Health Division of the Department of Agriculture and an official interstate health certificate, and shall meet the following requirements:

(i) All cattle must be negative to an official brucellosis test conducted within forty-five days prior to date of entry and will be quarantined on the premises of destination and kept separate from all other cattle for retest not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of previous test, except that the following classes of cattle are exempt from these test requirements:

(a) Calves under six months of age.

(b) Steers and spayed heifers.

(c) Officially vaccinated dairy cattle under twenty months of age and officially vaccinated beef cattle under twenty-four months of age.

(d) Immediate slaughter cattle going directly to a federally inspected slaughter establishment.

(e) Cattle consigned directly to a registered quarantined feed lot.

(f) Cattle from certified brucellosis free herds.

(g) Cattle eligible for brucellosis testing coming from contiguous states certified brucellosis free may be moved to State-Federal approved livestock markets in Washington to meet entry health requirements. Cattle of the beef breeds from such equal status states and having the same import requirements as Washington are exempt from second test and quarantine requirements if found brucellosis negative on entry.

(ii) After January 1, 1979, all female dairy cattle must be identified as official brucellosis calfhooed vaccinates before entry. Except the following classes of cattle are exempt from this requirement:

(a) Calves under three months of age.

(b) Those cattle consigned directly to a federally inspected slaughter plant.

(c) Those cattle consigned directly to a registered quarantined feed lot.

(d) Spayed heifers.

(iii) Herd owners desiring to move cattle into Washington for temporary grazing purposes must obtain a prior permit from the Animal Health Division and originate in a county or other political subdivision of equal status where brucellosis has not been diagnosed in the preceding twelve months, or tested negative to brucellosis within thirty days of entry.