

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Olympia

ORDER NO. 855

(Superseding Order No. 836)

EFFECTIVE July 19, 1961

REGULATIONS RELATING TO BRUCELLOSIS AND
TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE AND GOATS

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I, Joe Dwyer, Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington by virtue of the authority vested in me under Chapter 16.40 and 16.36, 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 this order "official calfhood vaccination" means vaccination of animals under Federal or State supervision with *Brucella abortus* vaccine between the ages of 4 and 8 months in calves of the dairy breeds and between 4 and 12 months in calves of the beef breeds.

Regulation 2. All cattle or goats that are infected or suspected of being infected with brucellosis or tuberculosis after an accepted test shall be quarantined as provided by law. All cattle or goats, the owners of which refuse to allow the department to test for the above diseases, shall be regarded as a menace to the health of livestock, and the premises on which they are kept shall be immediately quarantined and no animals or products of such animals shall be removed from the premises as outlined in section 16.40.010, RCW.

Regulation 3. No person shall sell or offer for sale any cattle or goats over 8 months of age, for other than immediate slaughter or to a quarantined registered feed lot, unless they are from a certified brucellosis-free herd, or negative to a brucellosis test within 30 days prior to sale, or are negative cattle or goats from a herd in which all animals were tested within one year prior to date of sale and no reactors were found (positives or reactors to be determined by definitions in Part I, and by Classification Tables in Section VI of Part II, U.S. Department of Agriculture Uniform Methods and Rules for Bovine Brucellosis Eradication, as in effect on the effective date of this regulation). Provided, that official calfhood vaccinates under 30 months of age, steers, and spayed heifers, need not be tested.

Regulation 4.

- (a) Brucellosis: Any herd of cattle or goats in which brucellosis reactors (as defined in Regulation 3 of this order) are found will be quarantined, except steers, spayed heifers and official vaccinated heifers under 30 months of age, and the sale or removal of any animal out of such herd, except for immediate slaughter, is prohibited. The quarantine will be released when the entire quarantined herd has passed at least two consecutive blood agglutination tests without reactors; the first test to be not less than 30 days following removal of all reactors from the herd and the second test not less than 30 days nor more than one year following the date of the previous test.
- (b) Tuberculosis: Any herd of cattle or goats in which tuberculosis reactors are found will be quarantined and the sale or removal of any animal, out of such herd, except for immediate slaughter, is prohibited. The quarantine will be released when the entire herd has passed two consecutive tests without reactors; the first to be not less than 30 days following removal of all reactors from the herd and the second test not less than 60 days nor more than one year following the date of the previous test.
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Regulation 5. All stables, corrals and barns where brucellosis or tuberculosis reactors have been held must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected within 15 days after the reactors have been removed.

Regulation 6. Reactors to a brucellosis test may be sold only to a licensed slaughterer operating under Federal or State inspection, or the authorized licensed agent of a licensed slaughterer for immediate slaughter, or consigned for the purpose of sale for immediate slaughter to a public livestock market operating under a license issued by the Director of Agriculture as provided in Chapter 16.65, RCW, or consigned for the purpose of sale for immediate slaughter to a market agency or stockyard operating as a registrant within a stockyard posted under provisions of the Packers and Stockyard Act of 1921 as amended. Provided, that any reactor to brucellosis test must be slaughtered within 15 days from the date of tagging and branding. Extension of 15 days may be granted on approval of the Director of Agriculture.


Regulation 7. Reactors to a tuberculosis test may be sold only to a licensed slaughterer operating under State or Federal inspection or authorized licensed agent of a licensed slaughterer for immediate slaughter. Provided, that any reactor to tuberculosis test must be slaughtered within 15 days from the date of tagging and branding. Extension of 15 days may be granted on approval of the Director of Agriculture.

Regulation 8. A State or Federal veterinarian or his authorized representative shall be required to brand all animals reacting to such tuberculin test with the letter "T" on the left jaw, with a brand not less than two (2) nor more than three (3) inches high, and to further identify the animal or animals by attaching to the left ear a metal ear tag bearing a serial number and the word "Reactor." It shall be unlawful for the owner, or his authorized representative, to refuse the Director of Agriculture, or his authorized representative, the right to identify the reacting animal or animals by such branding and tagging.

Regulation 9. A State or Federal veterinarian or his authorized representative shall be required to brand all animals reacting to such brucellosis test with the letter "B" on the left jaw, with a brand not less than two (2) nor more than three (3) inches high, and to further identify the animal or animals by attaching to the left ear a metal tag bearing a serial number and the word "Reactor." It shall be unlawful for the owner, or his authorized representative, to refuse the Director of Agriculture or his authorized representative, the right to identify the reacting animal or animals by such branding and tagging.

CRIMINAL PENALTY - CIVIL INJUNCTION. Revised Code of Washington (RCW 16.36.110) provides: A violation of or a failure to comply with any provisions 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, 16.36.020, 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
Department of Agriculture

Signed at Olympia, Washington

DATE: June 19, 1961