

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
(Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER
LEGISLATIVE BLDG. (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)
OLYMPIA 98504

The enclosed rules Permanent rules , being Order No. 1487
Emergency rules

relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter)

the importation of animals into the state of Washington

(ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for adoption of permanent rules)

pursuant to Notice No. _____ ① filed with the code reviser
on _____ ② were regularly adopted as permanent rules of
(date)
this agency at _____ on _____ and are herewith
(place) (date)
filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04
RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be _____ ③

(ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for adoption of emergency rules)

pursuant to its finding in the attached administrative order,
that the immediate adoption of these rules 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 the
public interest, were regularly adopted as emergency rules of this
agency at _____ on _____ and
(place) (date)
are herewith filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to
chapter 34.04 RCW.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the requirements of chapter
34.04 RCW and of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter
42.30 RCW have been fulfilled.

Dated this 24th day of September 1976.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
(AGENCY)
Stewart Bledsoe
By STEWART BLEDSOE
Director
Title

① Notice number as appears on the copy of notice returned to you by
reviser's office (if proceedings were continued, use no. of last notice)
② Stamped date as appears on the copy of notice returned to you by
reviser's office (if proceedings were continued, use date of last notice)
③ Unless a later date is specified in this order or is prescribed in
another statute, rules are effective 30 days after filing:
RCW 34.04.040. Leave this space blank except in such special cases.
[FORM CR-2: Rev. 9/21/74]

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Emergency Order No. 1487
(Supersedes Order No. 1430)
Effective September 24, 1976

New WAC 16-54-00301 PROMULGATION. (This promulgation relates to WAC 16-54-081)

I, Stewart Bledsoe, director of agriculture of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Chapter 16.36 RCW and 16.44 RCW and 34.04 RCW do hereby promulgate the following emergency regulation relating to the importation of animals into the state of Washington.

The adoption of this emergency order will allow immediate protection to human and livestock health in the state of Washington as it relates to brucellosis.

Amd WAC 16-54-081 DOMESTIC BOVINE ANIMALS. All domestic bovine animals (including bison) except those for immediate slaughter, 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) All beef and dairy breeding cattle entering the State shall have been brucellosis tested negative within thirty (30) days of entry. Beef and dairy cattle originating from a modified certified area will be quarantined upon arrival and retested 30-60 days after arrival at owner's expense.

Provided that cattle in certain instances will be exempt from the foregoing provisions as follows:

(i) Cattle from certified brucellosis free herds are exempt from test requirements.

(ii) Beef and dairy breeding animals, certified by the state of Idaho as originating from herds under MCI and/or BRT surveillance and said herds are known not to be brucellosis infected, north of the Salmon River in Idaho.

(iii) Beef and dairy cattle certified by the state of Oregon as originating from herds under MCI and/or BRT surveillance and said herds are known not to be brucellosis infected north of Highway 20 and west of Highway 97 in Oregon.

(iv) Calves under six (6) months of age, steers and spayed heifers, officially vaccinated dairy cattle under twenty (20) months and officially vaccinated beef cattle under twenty-four (24) months from herds or area not under quarantine are exempt from test requirements.

(v) Immediate slaughter cattle in accordance with USDA CFR Title 9 requirements consigned directly to a federally inspected slaughtering establishment.

(b) Cattle from exempt areas shall not be commingled with any other cattle, except cattle specifically exempted under the provisions of this WAC Chapter 16-54, while being

transported from such exempt area into the state of Washington. If cattle from exempt area are commingled with cattle subject to tests, as herein provided for, while being transported to the state of Washington, then all such cattle shall become subject to the testing requirements provided for herein.

(c) Feeder cattle shall be accompanied by an official health certificate. Brucellosis test requirements will apply to all eligible cattle consigned to feed lot; provided that such brucellosis test requirements shall not apply to female cattle consigned to a registered quarantined feed lot or a certified quarantined feed lot.

Feeder cattle entering a registered quarantined feed lot will be accompanied with a health certificate indicating the name, location and official registration number (F brand) of the registered quarantined feed lot. The cattle will be branded with the F brand assigned to that registered quarantined feed lot as they enter and may be released for slaughter only.

Cattle entering a certified quarantined feed lot will be accompanied with a health certificate indicating the name, location and official registration number of the certified quarantined feed lot, such number to be assigned to certified quarantined feed lot by the Department of Agriculture.

Animals will not be allowed to leave certified quarantined feed lots for other than slaughter purposes except under the following exceptions:

(i) Calves under thirty (30) days of age may leave a certified quarantined feed lot without testing.

(ii) Female animals over thirty (30) days of age, maintained in a certified quarantined feed lot may leave that premises for other than slaughter purposes subject to the following procedure:

(a) They shall be individually identified by an official identification tag.

(b) A brucellosis test shall be conducted by an accredited veterinarian retained by the management of the certified quarantine feed lot and the test shall result in a negative finding.

(c) Animals so tested shall be isolated and kept separate and apart from other animals and retested negative to brucellosis thirty (30) to sixty (60) days after the original test.

(d) Female animals passing the above qualifications and made eligible for release from the certified quarantined feed lot will be branded "91W" on the right shoulder by a veterinarian assigned to the Animal Health Division of the Department of Agriculture before being removed from the premises at which last tested.

(d) All feed lot operators will maintain adequate records to identify animal to herd of origin should MCI positive animal be disclosed from said feed lot.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This order shall take effect on and after September 24, 1976.

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

Stewart Bledsoe

STEWART BLEDSOE
Director of Agriculture
State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date

9/24/76