

FORM OF ORDER AND TRANSMITTAL BY AGENCY HAVING SINGLE HEAD

State of Washington

Department of Agriculture
(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 1918

(1) I, C. Alan Pettibone, director of the Department of Agriculture do promulgate and adopt at Olympia, Washington (place) the annexed rules relating to:

Chapter 16-54 WAC Rules Relating to the Importation of Animals into the State of Washington

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

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. 87-04-053 filed with the code reviser on 2-4-87. These rules shall take effect: [X] thirty days after they are filed with the code reviser 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 this 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 the emergency is:

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

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04.026¹ 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 16.36.040 and 16.36.050 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 the agency has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW) in the adoption of these rules.

(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 March 25 19 87

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE WSR 87-08-021

By [Signature] Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture Title

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 1540, filed 10/17/77)

WAC 16-54-030 HEALTH CERTIFICATE. (1) All animals entering Washington shall be accompanied by an official health certificate except ~~((these--classes--of--animals--specifically--exempted--in--laws--or--regulations--of--this--state))~~;

(a) Dogs and cats originating in Washington and visiting Canada for thirty days or less.

(b) Those classes of animals specifically exempted in laws or regulations of this state.

(2) "Official health certificate" means a legible certificate executed on an official form of the state of origin or of the Animal Health Division, United States Department of Agriculture, by a licensed and accredited veterinarian or a veterinarian approved by the proper official of the Animal Health Division, United States Department of Agriculture, and shall contain the following information:

(a) Date of inspection. All health certificates void after thirty days, except breeding cattle forty-five days from date of issue: PROVIDED, The director may give special exemption for show animals.

(b) Names and addresses of the consignor and consignee.

(c) Certification that the animals are apparently free from evidence of infectious and communicable disease.

(d) Test or vaccination status when required.

(e) Description of each animal to include species, breed, age, sex, tag or tattoo and for cattle, only an official ear tag will be accepted or if registered, the registry name, number and tattoo for individual identification.

(f) Certification of disinfection of cars and trucks when required.

~~((2))~~ (3) All health certificates shall be approved by the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin and a copy shall be forwarded immediately to the department of agriculture, Olympia, Washington.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 1838, filed 7/24/84)

WAC 16-54-082 DOMESTIC BOVINE ANIMALS. All domestic bovine animals (including bison) entering Washington shall be moved on a permit issued by the office of the state veterinarian ~~((--PROVIDED--That--this--permit--requirement--will--be--reviewed--two--years--after--the--effective--date--to--determine--that--the--results--obtained--warrant--the--continuation--of--this--requirement))~~. All domestic bovine animals (including bison) shall meet the following requirements:

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

(2) Brucellosis health certificate requirements. All domestic bovine animals (including bison), except those consigned to quarantined registered feed lots, or to federally inspected slaughter plants for immediate slaughter, or beef breed cattle or slaughter only dairy breed cattle consigned to a state-federal approved livestock market, shall be accompanied by an official interstate health certificate and shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Brucellosis test.

(i) ~~((Cattle--originating--in--class--free--or--Class--A--states--must--be--negative--to--an--official--brucellosis--test--conducted--within--thirty--days--prior--to--date--of--entry--~~

~~((i)--Cattle--originating--in--Class--B--states--must--be--negative--to--an--official--brucellosis--test--conducted--within--thirty--days--prior--to--date--of--entry--and--will--be--held--on--the--premises--of--destination--and--kept--separate--from--all--other--cattle--for--retest--not--less--than--forty--five--nor--more--than--one--hundred--twenty--days--from--the--date--of--preentry--test--~~

(iii) Cattle originating in Class C states must be negative to two official brucellosis tests conducted prior to entry at least sixty days apart, the second test to be conducted within thirty days of entry. These cattle shall be held on the premises of destination and kept separate from all other cattle for retest not less than forty-five nor more than one hundred twenty days from the date of the second negative preentry test.

(iv) The following classes of cattle are exempt from the test requirements in (a) (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subsection:

- (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 plant.
- (E) Cattle consigned directly to a state federal quarantined feed lot.
- (F) Cattle from certified brucellosis free herds.
- (G) Beef breed cattle eligible for brucellosis testing coming from class free or Class A states may be moved to state federal approved livestock markets in Washington to meet entry health requirements.

(v) Cattle from class free and A states.

(A) Sexually intact heifers from brucellosis quarantined herds in class free and A states shall not be imported into the state of Washington except for immediate slaughter at a federally inspected slaughter plant or to a quarantined feedlot.

(B) Cattle other than those referred to in (a) (i) (A) of this subsection from class free or A states which are test eligible, unless destined for a quarantined feedlot or for immediate slaughter at a federally inspected slaughter establishment, must be negative to an official brucellosis test conducted within thirty days prior to date of entry. Cattle not considered test eligible include:

- (I) Calves under six months of age.
- (II) Steers and spayed heifers.
- (III) Officially vaccinated dairy cattle under twenty months of age and officially vaccinated beef cattle under twenty-four months of age.

(IV) Cattle from a certified brucellosis free herd.

(ii) Cattle from class B or C states.

(A) Sexually intact heifers from other than certified brucellosis free herds in states classified B or C by the USDA shall not be imported into the state of Washington except for immediate slaughter at a federally inspected slaughter establishment or to a quarantined feedlot.

(B) Cattle other than those referred to in (a) (ii) (A) of this subsection from class B states which are test eligible, unless destined for a quarantined feedlot or for immediate slaughter at a federally inspected slaughter establishment, must be negative to an official brucellosis test conducted within thirty days prior to date of entry and held on the premises of destination and kept separate from all other cattle for retest not less than forty-five nor more than one hundred twenty days from the date of the preentry test. Cattle not considered test eligible include:

- (I) Calves under six months of age.
- (II) Steers and spayed heifers.
- (III) Cattle from a certified brucellosis free herd.

(C) Cattle other than those referred to in (a) (ii) (A) of this subsection from class C states which are test eligible must be negative to two official brucellosis tests conducted prior to entry at least sixty days apart, the second test to be conducted within thirty days of entry. Those cattle shall be held on the premises of destination and kept separate from all other cattle for retest not less than forty-five nor more than one hundred twenty days from the date of the second negative preentry test. Cattle not considered test eligible include:

- (I) Calves under six months of age.

(II) Steers and spayed heifers.(III) Cattle from a certified brucellosis free herd.

(iii) Beef cattle eligible for brucellosis testing coming from class free or A states may be moved to state-federal approved live-stock markets in Washington to meet entry health requirements.

(iv) Should brucellosis infection occur in the state of Washington as a result of importation of infected animals, all future importations from the state of origin shall be required to meet import regulations of the next lower classification. State regulatory officials of that state shall be notified and the lower classification entry requirement will be in effect for twelve months following notification to the state of origin.

(b) Brucellosis calfhood vaccinates--female dairy cattle. All female dairy cattle must be identified as official brucellosis calfhood vaccinates before entry. Except the following classes of cattle are exempt from this requirement:

(i) Calves under four months of age.

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

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

(iv) Spayed heifers.

(c) Brucellosis calfhood vaccinates--female beef cattle. All female beef breed cattle must be identified as official brucellosis vaccinates before entry, except the following classes of cattle are exempt from this requirement:

(i) Calves under four months of age.

(ii) Female beef breed cattle born before January 1, 1983.

(iii) Cattle sold or consigned to a quarantined registered feed lot.

(iv) Cattle sold or consigned to a federally inspected slaughter plant.

(v) Cattle sold or consigned to a public livestock market for immediate slaughter only.

(vi) Spayed heifers.

(vii) Cattle from a certified brucellosis free country where vaccination is prohibited by law: PROVIDED, That the state veterinarian, upon being assured that to allow such cattle to enter would not create any jeopardy to the livestock industry of the state of Washington, may issue a special permit for such entry.

(3) Scabies. The office of the state veterinarian may require that any cattle from a known infected area be dipped at an official dipping facility within ten days of entry and, except those consigned to a federally inspected slaughter plant for immediate slaughter within fourteen days, be accompanied by an official interstate health certificate. Ivermectin may be used as an alternative to the dipping procedure for beef and nonlactating dairy animals.

(4) Vesicular stomatitis. The office of the state veterinarian may require that:

(a) Any cattle be accompanied by an official interstate health certificate except those consigned to a federally inspected slaughter plant for immediate slaughter within fourteen days;

(b) Dairy breed cattle be held separate and apart from all other cattle for a period of seven days at the point of destination and rechecked by an accredited veterinarian at the end of that period; except that dairy breed cattle from known infected areas shall not be allowed entry into the state; and

(c) Beef breed cattle from known infected areas be held separate and apart from all other cattle for a period of thirty days either prior to entry or at the point of destination or both.

(5) Temporary grazing permits. Herd owners desiring to move cattle into Washington for temporary grazing purposes must obtain a prior permit from the office of the state veterinarian: PROVIDED, That the state veterinarian may, if deemed necessary, require a brucellosis herd test and/or an official health certificate for any cattle entering the state for grazing purposes. Applicants must also file an approved herd plan with the office of the state veterinarian to phase

out all brucellosis nonvaccinates in the herd prior to January 1, 1988. Grazing permits shall be for one specified season only and shall be valid for movement to only that destination declared on the permit. A copy of the permit shall accompany any vehicle transporting cattle into the state for such temporary grazing purposes.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 1540, filed 10/17/77)

WAC 16-54-120 DOGS AND CATS. ~~((1))~~ In addition to the general provisions for the importation of livestock, the official health certificate for dogs and cats shall contain the certification:

~~((a))~~ (1) That such animals are apparently free from infectious, contagious, and communicable disease.

~~((b))~~ (2) That all dogs and cats have been vaccinated against rabies according to ~~((U-S))~~ United States Public Health Department regulations and standards at the time of entry. Each animal must be identified by a tag number and official health certificate.

~~((c)-Cats---no-rabies-vaccination-required-~~

~~((d))~~ (3) That such animals do not originate from an area under quarantine for rabies. Animals originating from rabies quarantine or rabies areas must be accompanied by a permit obtained from the state department of agriculture office in Olympia, Washington previous to shipment, the terms of which must be stated on the health certificate.