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CATTLE AND BISON DISEASES IN WASHINGTON STATE

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16-86-006 Department defined. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 16.40 RCW. WSR 79-09-076 (Order 1642), § 16-86-006, filed 8/30/79.] Repealed by WSR 84-08-037 (Order 1814), filed 3/30/84. Statutory Authority: Chapter 16.36 RCW.
16-86-007 Definition—Accredited veterinarian. [Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 16.40 RCW. WSR 79-09-076 (Order 1642), § 16-86-007, filed 8/30/79.] Repealed by WSR 84-08-037 (Order 1814), filed 3/30/84. Statutory Authority: Chapter 16.36 RCW.
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WAC 16-86-014 Adoption of United States Department of Agriculture Brucellosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules. In addition to the rules adopted in this chapter, the Washington state department of agriculture adopts the procedures and methods of the USDA Brucellosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, effective October 1, 2003. The department maintains a copy of this document for public inspection. You may also find the information on the internet at: www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/brucellosis/downloads/umr_bovine_bruc.pdf.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 08-01-094, § 16-86-014, filed 12/17/07, effective 1/17/08.]

WAC 16-86-015 Change of ownership requirements for cattle and bison in Washington. (1) Cattle. All female cattle must be official calfhood or official Washington mature vaccinates and bear legible vaccination tattoos before being sold or introduced into any breeding herd in the state of Washington. This rule does not apply to the following:

(a) Cattle sold or consigned to a restricted feedlot;
(b) Cattle sold or consigned to a federally inspected slaughter plant;
(c) Cattle sold or consigned to a public livestock market for immediate slaughter within three days of sale;
(d) Spayed heifers;
(e) Cattle sold to buyers in states or countries without brucellosis vaccination import requirements; and
(f) Calves under four months of age.

(2) Bison. All bison, except calves under eight months of age at the side of their negative-tested mothers, are required to test negative for brucellosis upon change of ownership.

(a) Under RCW 20.01.380, as cattle and bison move throughout the marketing system, livestock dealers are required to retain cattle and bison identification to the herd of origin. Official identification devices provide permanent identification of livestock and ensure the ability to find the source of animal disease outbreaks.

(b) Removing an official animal health tag, or official animal identification tag, permanent mark, or other device is prohibited except at the time of slaughter.

(c) If an official identification device is lost and it is necessary to retag an animal, the new official number shall correlate, whenever possible, with the previous official number of the animal and shall be reported to the office of the state veterinarian.


WAC 16-86-017 Grazing permits. (1) Washington herd owners desiring to move cattle interstate for grazing purposes and return to Washington shall request a permit for such movement from the animal health program of the department. The state to which the animals are to be moved for grazing must approve the movement. A separate permit must be obtained from the animal health program for the return of such cattle.

(a) The permit application must be made on USDA form number VS 4-26 issued by the department for the purpose of individually identifying the cattle and recording official brucellosis vaccinations. The permit must be reviewed and approved by the accredited veterinarian who performed the vaccination.

(b) Cattle moving interstate on grazing permits must meet the brand or animal identification requirements of each state before interstate movement.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 84-08-037 (Order 1814), § 16-86-017, filed 4/15/99, effective 5/16/99; Order 1539, § 16-86-017, filed 10/17/77.]

WAC 16-86-025 Official brucellosis vaccination. (1) An official vaccination report of all brucellosis vaccinations must be made to the department within thirty days of vaccination by the accredited veterinarian who performed the vaccination. The vaccination report must be made on an approved report form (USDA form number VS 4-26) issued by the department for the purpose of individually identifying the cattle and recording official brucellosis vaccinations.

(a) All vaccinations must be performed by a licensed accredited veterinarian or federal or state employed veterinarian and are not official until they are reported to the department.

(b) Veterinarians must record all vaccinations in a ledger that records the owner of the animal, official individual identification numbers, and the date of vaccination. These records must be maintained for seven years.

(2) Official calfhood vaccinates must be:

(a) Vaccinated with 2cc subcutaneous RB-51 Brucella vaccine; and

(b) Permanently identified with official individual vaccination identification and calfhood vaccination tattoo.

(3) Official adult vaccinates must not be pregnant and must have prevaccination blood samples for brucellosis submitted on USDA form number VS4-33 to the office of the state veterinarian. An official adult vaccinate must be:

(a) Vaccinated with 2cc subcutaneous RB-51 Brucella vaccine;

(b) Permanently identified with individual official vaccination identification and calfhood vaccination tattoo.

(c) Permanently identified as a vaccinate by an adult vaccination tattoo in the right ear.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 12-21-009, § 16-86-025, filed 10/5/12, effective 11/5/12. Statutory Authority: WSR 08-01-094, amended and recodified as § 16-86-025, filed 12/17/07, effective 1/17/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 16.36.040. WSR 99-09-025, § 16-86-017, filed 4/15/99, effective 5/16/99; Order 1539, § 16-86-017, filed 10/17/77.]

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WAC 16-86-026 Brucellosis testing requirements for raw milk dairies. (1) All cattle whose raw milk or raw milk products are offered for sale must be from a herd that has tested negative to a serological test for brucellosis within the previous twelve months.

(2) Any additions to the herd must be serologically tested negative at the owner's expense for brucellosis within thirty days before introduction into the herd.

(3) Herds must be serologically tested negative at the owner's expense annually to maintain the dairy's raw milk license.

(4) The state veterinarian shall direct all testing procedures in accordance with state and federal standards for animal disease eradication.

(5) All raw milk and raw milk products from animals that test positive for brucellosis are prohibited from sale and must be destroyed.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 08-01-094, § 16-86-026, filed 12/17/07, effective 1/17/08.]

WAC 16-86-040 Brucellosis quarantine and release. (1) Any herd of cattle or bison in which brucellosis reactors are found will be quarantined. Positive or reactor classification shall be based on standards listed in USDA Brucellosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, effective October 1, 2003.

(2) The quarantine will be released when the entire quarantined herd has passed two consecutive negative blood tests without reactors.

(a) The first test must be not less than thirty days following removal of all reactors from the herd. The second test must be not less than ninety days nor more than one year following the date of the previous test.

(b) Steers, spayed heifers, officially vaccinated dairy cattle under twenty months of age, and officially vaccinated beef animals under twenty-four months of age need not be tested.

(c) Adult vaccination for cattle may be used as a whole herd vaccination under the terms of a herd plan and based on the standards listed in USDA Brucellosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, effective October 1, 2003.

(3) Cattle or bison that test positive to the brucellosis test must not be sold or offered for sale except for immediate slaughter.

(4) Quarantined cattle and bison may only be moved when accompanied by an official USDA form number VS1-27.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 08-01-094, § 16-86-040, filed 12/17/07, effective 1/17/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 16.36.040. WSR 99-09-025, § 16-86-040, filed 4/15/99, effective 5/16/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 16.36.060. WSR 87-23-043 (Order 1958), § 16-86-040, filed 11/18/87; Order 1539, § 16-86-040, filed 10/17/77; Order 1171, § 16-86-040, filed 12/15/70; Order 855, Regulation 4, effective 7/19/61.]

WAC 16-86-092 Indemnity for brucellosis affected or exposed cattle. (1) As provided under RCW 16.36.090, the director may order the slaughter or destruction of any cattle affected with or exposed to brucellosis.

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(2) In the case of infected sexually intact bovine, the herd shall be quarantined pending an epidemiological investigation to determine the source of the infection.

(3) All exposed herds will be identified by an accredited veterinarian in conjunction with the department. An exposed herd is defined as a cattle herd which has had, within the past twelve months, direct commingling or cross-fence contact with an infected herd during a time of potential breeding activity. The owner of exposed herds will be notified of the possible exposure and requested to test the herd using a qPCR test. All testing will be at the owner's expense.

(4)(a) Infected bulls will be quarantined and branded high on the tail head by the department with a USDA regulatory S-brand, and will not be used for breeding.

(b) Infected bulls must be slaughtered, sold for slaughter, sent to a restricted feedlot, or to a category 2 restricted holding facility to remain in slaughter channels. Infected bulls shall only be moved when accompanied by a USDA form VS 1-27.

(c) Bulls of unknown origin or unknown breeding history offered for sale at a livestock market must be:

(i) Castrated prior to leaving the market; or
(ii) Tested negative for trichomoniasis by a qPCR test before being turned out with breeding stock; or
(iii) Sold for slaughter; or
(iv) Sent to a category 2 restricted holding facility to remain in slaughter channels.

(d) A nonpregnant female, with no calf at side, which is identified by the owner as being from an infected herd and is offered for sale at a livestock market, must remain in slaughter channels.

(5) The quarantine will be removed when all remaining bulls in the herd test negative to a second qPCR test for trichomoniasis and following proof of removal of infected bulls. Bulls must have a minimum of two negative qPCR tests at least one week apart for quarantine release. All bulls from infected herds, except virgin bulls, will be tested using a qPCR test the following trich-year before breeding. A trich-year means the period from September 1st to August 31st of any given year. Bulls from infected herds may not have to be tested the following trich-year if a herd plan has been approved by the state veterinarian.

(6) Information that cattle have tested positive for trichomoniasis may be supplied to county extension agents, accredited veterinarians, and industry representatives. Each month, the department may publish a press release of counties that have infected herds.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 16.36.040 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 15-02-028, § 16-86-115, filed 12/30/14, effective 1/30/15. Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 10-20-093, § 16-86-115, filed 9/30/10, effective 10/31/10.]

WAC 16-86-116 Duties of certified, accredited veterinarians—Training requirement for veterinarians performing trichomoniasis testing in cattle. (1) Effective January 1, 2011, accredited veterinarians may not perform official trichomoniasis testing of bulls in Washington state until they are certified to do so by having successfully completed training and passed a proficiency examination provided by the department.

(2) All official trichomoniasis testing of bulls in Washington state shall be performed by a certified, accredited veterinarian.

(3) A schedule of training opportunities is available by contacting the department at:

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(4) Certified veterinarians shall utilize only official laboratories recognized by the state veterinarian for testing trichomoniasis samples. Positive test results will be sent to the department by the next business day.

(5)(a) Quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) is the test method for official tests accepted by the department.

(b) An official test is one in which the sample is collected by a certified veterinarian and received in the official laboratory in good condition within forty-eight hours of collection. Samples in transit for more than forty-eight hours or have been frozen or exposed to high temperatures will not be accepted for official testing. All samples shipped to the laboratory must be in pouch media, lactated Ringer's solution, or in normal saline solution. All sampling will be obtained by pipette scrapings from the prepuce and glans of a bull.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 10-20-093, § 16-86-116, filed 9/30/10, effective 10/31/10.]


[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 08-01-094, § 16-86-120, filed 12/17/07, effective 1/17/08.]

WAC 16-86-125 Duties of accredited veterinarians—Training requirement for veterinarians performing tuberculosis testing in cattle and bison. (1) All testing of cattle or bison in Washington state for tuberculosis shall be performed by a veterinarian accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS). In addition, all accredited veterinarians testing cattle or bison in Washington state for tuberculosis are required to successfully complete training in tuberculosis testing procedures provided by USDA or the department. Accredited veterinarians who have not successfully completed the training by April 30, 2010, may not perform official tuberculosis testing of cattle or bison in Washing-
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WAC 16-86-130 Cattle used in rodeo or timed events.
All cattle used for rodeo or timed events must be accompanied by proof recorded on a tuberculosis test chart (USDA form number VS6-22) of a negative bovine tuberculosis test within twelve months of the event. Calves under six months old that were born and have continuously resided in the state of Washington and Washington origin timed event cattle that are not commingled with high-risk are excluded from this requirement.

WAC 16-86-140 Tuberculosis testing requirements for raw milk dairies. (1) All cattle whose raw milk or raw milk products are offered for sale must be from a herd that has tested negative for tuberculosis within the previous twelve months.

(2) Any additions to the herd must be tested negative for tuberculosis at the owner's expense within sixty days before introduction into the herd.

(3) Herds must be tested negative annually at the owner's expense to maintain the dairy's raw milk license.

(4) The state veterinarian shall direct all testing procedures in accordance with state and federal standards for animal disease eradication.

(5) All raw milk and raw milk products from animals that test positive for tuberculosis are prohibited from sale and must be destroyed.

WAC 16-86-150 Tuberculosis quarantine and release. (1) Any herd of cattle or bison in which tuberculosis reactors are found will be quarantined. The sale or removal of any animal out of a quarantined herd is prohibited except for removal for immediate slaughter.

(2) Herds in which no gross lesions reactors occur and in which no evidence of Mycobacterium bovis infection has been disclosed may be released from quarantine after a sixty-day negative caudal fold tuberculosis retest of the entire herd.

Herds containing one or more suspects to the caudal fold tuberculosis test will be quarantined until the suspect animals are:

(a) Retested by the comparative-cervical tuberculosis test within ten days of the caudal fold injection; or

(b) Retested by the gamma interferon tuberculosis test and the tuberculosis status of the suspect has been determined; or

(c) Retested by the comparative-cervical tuberculosis test after sixty days and the tuberculosis status of the suspect has been determined; or

(d) Shipped under permit directly to slaughter in accordance with state or federal laws and regulations and the tuberculosis status of the suspect has been determined.

(3) Herds in which Mycobacterium bovis infection has been confirmed and the herd has not been depopulated will remain under quarantine and must pass two tuberculin tests at intervals of at least sixty days and one additional test after six months from the previous negative test. Following the release from quarantine, these herds will also be subject to five annual tests on the entire herd.

WAC 16-86-160 Indemnity for tuberculosis affected or exposed cattle and bison. (1) As provided under RCW 16.36.090, the director may order the slaughter or destruction of any cattle and bison affected with or exposed to tuberculosis.

(2) As provided for under RCW 16.36.096, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, owners, individuals, partnerships, corporations or other legal entities whose animals have been slaughtered or destroyed by order of the director may be eligible for indemnification in an amount not to exceed seventy-five percent of the appraised or salvage value of the animal ordered slaughtered or destroyed.

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