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STATE OF WISCONSIN) SS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, A. A. Erdmann, Administrator, Animal Health Division, and custodian of the official records of said Division, do hereby certify that the annexed order creating rules relating to livestock branding, Wis. Adm. Code Chapter Ag 14, was duly adopted by the department on January 2/57, 1975.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in the department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at Madison, Wisconsin, this 21^{27} day of January, 1975.

ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CREATING RULES

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Department of Agriculture by sections 93.07(1) and 95.11, Wis. Stats, the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture hereby creates rules as follows:

Chapter Ag 14 of the Wis. Adm. Code is created to read:

CHAPTER AG 14 LIVESTOCK BRANDING

Ag 14.01 <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms, as defined, shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these rules:

- (1) "Department" means the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.
- (2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other business entity.
- (3) "Farrell system" means a numbering system using symbols other than Arabic or Roman numerals.
- (4) "Brand" means an identification mark as defined in section 95.11(1)(a), Wis. Stats.
- Ag 14.02 Application for recording of brands. (1) Applications for the recording of a brand shall be made on forms provided by the department and shall include:
 - (a) The applicant's name and address.
 - (b) A facsimile of the desired brand.
- (c) The site location for the brand as authorized under subsections Ag 14.06(2) and (3).

- (d) The signature of the applicant.
- (2) The application shall be accompanied by an initial recording fee of \$20. Failure to remit the recording fee or comply with requirements of sub. (1) shall be cause for the return of the application to the applicant.

Ag 14.03 Expiration and renewal of recorded brands.

- (1) All recorded brands shall expire on December 31, 1984, and every 10th year thereafter, unless application for renewal of the recorded brand is received prior to expiration date.
- (2) Applications for renewal of a recorded brand shall be made on forms provided by the department and be accompanied by a renewal fee of \$10.
- (3) Recorded brands shall be declared abandoned if application for renewal is not received by the department within 90 days after expiration date of the period for which the brand was recorded.
- Ag 14.04 <u>Disease control identification</u>. No person shall apply a brand to livestock which would alter, deface or obliterate any markings used to identify animals for purposes of disease control.
- Ag 14.05 <u>Brand identification</u>. Recorded brands may be applied to livestock only by means of a hot brand, freeze brand, and permanent tattoo method. Recorded brands, as applied to livestock, shall be of a size and applied in such a manner as to be clearly readable and identifiable.
- Ag 14.06 Brand site. (1) The location of a brand on livestock is an integral part of a brand, and if a single brand is recorded for use on both cattle and horses, it may be recorded

for use at a common site location. If the same brand is to be used at a different location on livestock, an additional fee shall be required.

- (2) Brands for the branding of cattle may be recorded only for application at one of the following sites:
 - (a) Right ear.
 - (b) Left ear.
 - (c) Right side of neck.
 - (d) Left side of neck.
 - (e) Right side of shoulder.
 - (f) Left side of shoulder.
 - (g) Right rib cage.
 - (h) Left rib cage.
 - (i) Right hip.
 - (j) Left hip.
- (3) Brands for the branding of horses may be recorded only for application at one of the following sites:
 - (a) Right side of head.
 - (b) Left side of head.
 - (c) Right side of neck.
 - (d) Left side of neck.
 - (e) Right shoulder.
 - (f) Left shoulder.
 - (g) Right rib cage.
 - (h) Left rib cage.
 - (i) Right hip.
 - (j) Left hip.
 - (k) Upper lip.

- (1) Lower lip.
- (m) Forehead.

Brand design. (1) Numbers or numerals shall not Ag 14.07 be recorded as a brand unless accompanied by additional marking configuration.

- (2) Single letters may be recorded as a brand, except for the letters "1" and "0" unless accompanied by additional marking configuration.
- (3) If recording of a brand is refused for any reason, the department shall promptly notify the applicant stating reasons for denial.
- (4) A configuration or design which can be read as a number through use of the "Farrell system" may not be recorded as a brand.

Ag 14.08 Livestock brand certificate. No brand shall be effective until approved and recorded and an official brand certificate is issued by the department.

The rules contained herein shall take effect as provided in section 227.026, Wis. Stats.

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