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**Ag 10.01 Definitions.** The following terms, wherever used in these regulations, shall be construed to have the meaning here indicated, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Department" means the state of Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

(2) "Person" shall include any corporation, association, or firm.

(3) "Federal bureau" means the animal and plant health inspection service of the United States department of agriculture or such other division of that department as may be created for the execution and administration of the federal laws and regulations relating to animal disease control.

(4) "Brucellosis" means the disease of brucellosis in animals.

(5) (a) "Brucellosis test" means the blood serum agglutination test or supplementary tests for the diagnosis of brucellosis, applied in accordance with techniques approved by the department.

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(b) "Supplementary" brucellosis test means the complement fixation, card test, heat inactivation (65° C.), Rivanol, individual brucellosis ring test and other tests approved by the department for the diagnosis of brucellosis.

(6) "Certified brucellosis-free herd" is a herd of cattle or goats certified by the department as being free from brucellosis as provided in s. Ag 10.24. In the case of imported animals such certification shall be by an authorized agency of the state of origin under requirements acceptable to the department.

(7) "Validated brucellosis-free herd" is a herd of swine certified by the department as being free from brucellosis as provided in s. Ag 10.55. In the case of imported animals such certification shall be by an authorized agency of the state of origin under requirements acceptable to the department.

(8) "Modified certified brucellosis area" is an area so designated by the federal bureau.

(9) "Certified brucellosis-free area" is an area which is so designated by the federal bureau.

(10) "Tuberculosis test" means the test on animals made for the purpose of determining the status of such animals in respect to tuberculosis, applied in accordance with a technique approved by the department.

(11) "Accredited tuberculosis-free herd" is a herd of cattle or goats certified by the department as being free from tuberculosis as provided in s. Ag 10.25. In the case of imported animals such certification shall be by an authorized agency of the state of origin under requirements acceptable to the department.

(12) "Interstate health certificate" is a written certification for the interstate movement of animals, executed by an accredited veterinarian of the state of origin, showing the name and address of the consignor and consignee and certifying that animals identified thereon have been inspected and no evidence of infectious or contagious disease was disclosed.

(13) "Accompanied by interstate health certificate", or "test report" means that such certificate or test report is attached to the waybill if the animals covered thereby are shipped by rail, boat or express, or that such certificate or test report is in the immediate possession of the person actually transporting such animals and delivered to the receiver of the animals.

(14) "Public stockyards" is any premises open to general public use for the holding of livestock pending shipment or sale. The term shall include, without limitation because of enumeration, all yards used by the operator of any common or contract carrier.

(15) "Slaughtering establishment" shall include all premises used in connection with the slaughter of animals by any slaughterer licensed in this state or maintaining inspection by the federal bureau.

(16) "Individual identification" means identification by a tag of a type approved by the department inserted in the right ear of each animal by a person authorized by the department to identify cattle, pro-

control of the animals and maintain a record of codes applied in accordance with herds of origin. The first person obtaining possession or control over the swine from the producer shall be responsible for their identification and the recording of traceback data as required under sub. (3), but this does not relieve other persons receiving sows, boars and stags for slaughter, or sale or shipment to a slaughtering establishment, from responsibility for identification. Truckers are exempted from this requirement with respect to delivery of swine to livestock markets, stockyards or dealers agreeing to accept responsibility for the tattoo or other identification, provided the sows, boars and stags are shipped directly from the farm where produced to markets, stockyards or dealer premises with information as to the herd of origin. The department may exempt low-volume slaughter establishments purchasing swine directly from producers if identity of the herd of origin can be maintained at the establishment without individual animal identification.

(3) Every person required to identify swine in accordance with this section shall maintain records for 120 days of the:

(a) Tattoo legends or other identification applied to sows, boars and stags in accordance with herds of origin.

(b) Date of application of tattoo or other identification.

(c) Name and address of the owner and location of the herd of origin.

(d) Class of swine received.

(4) Coding or identification systems adopted by the department shall be based on systems adopted nationally for the identification of slaughter swine, except for deviations which may be authorized by the department for individual slaughter establishments. All sows, boars and stags to be shipped in interstate commerce shall be identified in accordance with national systems approved by United States department of agriculture.

(5) A series of code designations shall be assigned by the department to each person responsible for swine identification of sows, boars and stags under this section. Identification legends and devices may be procured from the department or purchased from other approved sources.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1972, No. 204, eff. 1-1-73; am. Register, January, 1981, No. 301, eff. 2-1-81.

**Ag 10.54 Exhibition.** (1) **LIVESTOCK.** Each fair or livestock exhibition in Wisconsin shall employ a licensed veterinarian to inspect all livestock at the exhibit daily.

(2) **SWINE.** No person shall exhibit at a show or fair any swine unless they are accompanied by a health certificate signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. The certificate shall accompany the exhibition swine and shall state that the herd of origin has been inspected on the farm and that no apparent disease has been present for the past 30 days.

(3) **BOVINE ANIMALS.** (a) *Brucellosis test.* No person shall exhibit any bovine animal at a show or fair unless it is accompanied by a report of a complete negative brucellosis test conducted within 90 days prior to the date of its arrival. This does not apply to:

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2. Calves under 6 months of age or weighing less than 500 pounds.

3. Official vaccinates not over 20 months of age if accompanied by an official vaccination report.

4. Animals from herds certified to be brucellosis free by the department if accompanied by a report of negative brucellosis test of the entire herd conducted within 12 months prior to date of exhibition at the show or fair, bearing thereon the herd certificate identification number.

(b) *Parasites.* Bovine animals infected with mange, scab or ringworm may not be exhibited at any fair or other livestock exhibition. Animals found to be infected, or showing evidence of infection with mange, scab or ringworm after arrival at a fair or other livestock exhibition shall be isolated from other animals susceptible to the disease and removed from the premises. This subsection shall not apply to animals showing evidence of ringworm infection if in the opinion of the veterinarian in charge of such fair or exhibition the lesion is inactive and not capable of transmitting the disease.

(4) **HEALTH RECORDS.** Persons exhibiting livestock at any fair or livestock exhibition in Wisconsin shall have a copy of the required health certificates or test reports available for inspection by the department at the fair or livestock exhibition, or file a copy of such certificates or test reports at the show or fair office for the duration of the exhibit.

**History:** Cr. (1) and (2); renum. Ag 10.09 to be (3) and am., Register, March, 1970, No. 171, eff. 4-1-70; r. (2) (b), Register October, 1974, No. 226, eff. 11-1-74; am. (2), renum. (3) to be (3) (b) and am., cr. (3) (a) and (4), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75.

**Ag 10.55 Swine, validated brucellosis-free herd.** (1) **VALIDATION.** To qualify a herd of swine as a "validated brucellosis-free herd" and for a certificate documenting this status the herd owner shall file with the department proof that all swine over 6 months of age have passed a negative brucellosis test and that physical inspection of the herd at the time of such testing disclosed no clinical evidence of brucellosis infection. Such tests and inspections shall be conducted by a veterinarian.

(b) **EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATE.** Certificates for validated brucellosis-free swine herds shall be valid for a period of one year unless revoked as provided in sub. (3).

(2) **ADDITIONS TO HERD.** When any swine added to a validated brucellosis-free herd shall:

(a) Originate from another herd so validated, or

(b) Have passed 2 successive negative brucellosis tests conducted by a veterinarian at least 30 but not more than 60 days apart with the most recent test not more than 30 days preceding addition to the herd, or

(c) Have been part of another herd in which all swine over 6 months of age were negative to a brucellosis test conducted not more than 30 days prior to addition.

(3) **REVOCAION OF CERTIFICATE.** The validated brucellosis-free herd certificate shall be revoked if reactors are disclosed in any brucellosis test of the herd, or additions are made to the herd contrary to sub. (2).

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(d) This subsection shall not apply to turkeys imported into this state which are consigned directly to a slaughtering establishment for immediate slaughter.

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