

STATE OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

In the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to Rules  
of the Board of Animal Health  
Governing Part 1700.1500  
The Importation of Feeding Cattle

STATEMENT OF NEED  
AND REASONABLENESS

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health has authority under MS §35.03 to make rules to protect the health of domestic animals of the state.


The purpose of this amendment is to prevent the introduction of brucellosis into Minnesota when feeding heifers are imported. States are classified under the National Brucellosis Eradication Program as Class Free A, B, or C. Minnesota is class Free with no brucellosis infected herds. Eighty-five percent of the reactor herds last year were in the seven class B or class C states. This amendment will require that female feeder cattle that originate in class B and C states shall be marked in a way that will prevent movement out of feedlots to breeding herds.

The letter "F" with a hot brand on the jaw will be required before shipment of untested female feeding cattle from B and C states. A number of other free states have the same requirement. The Board can find no conflict with federal interstate regulations. The Board estimates the cost to be less than \$2.00 per heifer and the impact on Minnesota agriculture minimal. The benefit of maintaining a class Free status far outweighs the expense of "F" branding a small number of cattle.

For purposes of compliance with MS §14.11 the Board estimates that there will be no expenditure of money by local public bodies and there will not be any adverse impact on agricultural land in Minnesota.

With respect to Chapter 188, Section 1, Laws of Minnesota 1983,  
as it relates to the impact on small business, the Board has determined  
that this rule will not have any material effect on small business.

Date 5-26-87

  
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Board of Animal Health