# MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
# ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION
# OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 06-01-I

**DATE:** January 13, 2006
**DATE EFFECTIVE:** January 13, 2006
**DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL:** January 24, 2006
**SUBJECT:** Brucellosis Testing of Animals Imported into Montana
**STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION:** 81-2-102(1)(d), Montana Code Annotated

**ORDERED BY:** Thomas F.T. Linfield, D.V.M., State Veterinarian

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**REVIEWED BY:** Marc Bridges, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock

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**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE SET FORTH HEREIN, UNTIL AMENDED BY STATUTE, RULE, OR OFFICIAL ORDER, THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OF CATTLE AND BISON ORIGINATING FROM BRUCELLOSIS *CLASS A* STATES (IDAHO, WYOMING AND TEXAS) MUST BE OFFICIALLY TESTED NEGATIVE FOR BRUCELLOSIS WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO IMPORTATION INTO MONTANA:**

I. **SEXUALLY INTACT FEMALE CATTLE AND BISON 18 MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER;**
II. **PARTURIENT (in last trimester of pregnancy) AND POSTPARTURIENT (having already calved) FEMALE CATTLE AND BISON, REGARDLESS OF AGE; AND**
III. **SEXUALLY INTACT MALE CATTLE AND BISON 18 MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER.**

**EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE TESTING REQUIREMNENTS:**

I. Test eligible cattle or bison shipped directly from Brucellosis Class A State farm or ranch of origin to an approved Montana livestock auction market may be tested upon arrival at the approved livestock auction market. These cattle or bison to remain at the approved livestock auction market until confirmation received of official negative brucellosis test results.
II. Test eligible cattle or bison consigned directly to an official slaughtering establishment for immediate slaughter.
III. Steers or spayed heifers.
IV. Test eligible cattle or bison originating from a certified brucellosis-free herd. The herd certification number and date of entire herd test must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
V. Test eligible cattle imported as part of an approved seasonal grazing operation and not changing ownership will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be exempt from the above testing requirements following a risk assessment conducted by the Montana State Veterinarian.

**ADDITIONAL:**

I. ALL BRUCELLOSIS-TESTED ANIMALS IMPORTED FROM BRUCELLOSIS CLASS A STATES WHICH REMAIN IN MONTANA MAY BE QUARANTINED AND SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL NEGATIVE BRUCELLOSIS TEST, AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE, CONDUCTED 45-120 DAYS FOLLOWING THE INITIAL NEGATIVE TEST.

II. ALL BRUCELLOSIS TESTED ANIMALS MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED (OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION) AND LISTED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR IMPORTATION INTO MONTANA.

III. THE MONTANA STATE VETERINARIAN MUST APPROVE ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.

IV. THIS OFFICIAL ORDER RESCINDS THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL ORDER OF THE MONTANA STATE VETERINARIAN:

a. 04-01-I (Amended), dated March 2, 2004
b. 04-01-I, dated February 19, 2004