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MEMORANDUM

From: Dr. Marty Zaluski, Administrator & State Veterinarian

Subject: Modified Identification Requirements for Cattle Imported into Montana

Date: October 25, 2012

1. All cattle entering Montana must have official individual identification with those numbers listed on the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). The following exemptions apply:
    a. Calves under six months with dams.
    b. Non-exhibition beef cattle with no testing or quarantine requirements may be identified using an official brand inspection certificate.
        i. Animals must be branded,
        ii. Registered ownership brands and the brand inspection certificate number must be cited on the CVI,
        iii. A copy of the brand inspection certificate must be attached to the CVI (as per Title 9 Part 78.1(c) of the USDA Code of Federal Regulations).
    c. Non-exhibition beef steers and spayed heifers with no testing or quarantine requirements do not require official identification.
    d. Where inadequate handling facilities prevent the application of individual IDs in cattle entering Montana under quarantine for additional testing, vaccination or health requirements, animals may be identified using an official brand inspection certificate (see c. i. and ii.)
    e. Virgin beef bulls may be identified with individual registration tattoos or individual freeze brands.

2. Approved forms of official individual identification:
    a. USDA Silver ID Tags
    b. USDA orange brucellosis vaccination tags
    c. Other USDA approved tags such as RFID tags
    d. State issued trich test tags for tested bulls less than 24 months old