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DATE: July 17, 2008
TO: All State Veterinarians
FROM: Dr. Leonard E. Eldridge
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RE: IMPORT REGULATION UPDATES

Following are updates to the Washington State import regulations. Please notify the veterinarians in your state who issue Certificates of Veterinary Inspections.

CATTLE

Breeding bulls may be imported into the state of Washington if they meet the following requirements:

1. Originate from a herd wherein all bulls have tested negative for bovine Trichomoniasis since they were removed from female cattle; and
2. The bulls have tested negative to a bovine Trichomoniasis culture test within thirty days before import and have had no contact with female cattle from the time of the test to the time of import; or
3. If the bulls originate from a herd where one or more bulls or cows have been infected with bovine Trichomoniasis within the past twelve months, the bulls must have three consecutive negative bovine Trichomoniasis culture test one week apart or one negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. The samples for each test must be collected within thirty days before cattle are imported into Washington State, and an import permit must be obtained from the state veterinarian's office and include a certifying statement that the bulls originated from an infected herd.

Before arrival at their destination in Washington State, all imported bulls must be identified with official identification or an official Trichomoniasis bangle tag.

Bulls that enter Washington State without meeting the bovine Trichomoniasis requirements will be quarantined at the owner's expense until they have had three consecutive negative bovine Trichomoniasis culture tests one week apart or one negative PCR test.

Any bull or cow that is positive to a Trichomoniasis culture test, any herd in which one or more bulls or cows are found infected with Trichomoniasis is considered infected.



EQUINE

All domestic equine, except foals under six months accompanying their negative dams, must have a negative test for equine infectious anemia within **twelve** months before entering Washington.

BIRDS OTHER THAN POULTRY

All birds other than poultry entering Washington State require a certification of veterinary inspection that contains the following statement:

"To the best of my knowledge, the birds listed on this certificate are not infected with Exotic Newcastle Disease, Psittacosis, or Avian Influenza and have been free from clinical signs of or known exposure to infectious or communicable disease during the past thirty days."

All birds must be individually identified with a numbered leg band or in a manner appropriate to the species.

Family pet birds are exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection if they are:

1. Two or less in number; and
2. Have not been purchased within thirty days of entry into Washington State; and
3. Are traveling by private conveyance with their owners.