

## **Chapter 8 Livestock Board Import Rules**

### **Statement of Reasons**

The attached proposed amended rules are authorized by W.S. §11-18-103(a) (v) and §11-32-102.

The Chapter 8 rules had been largely re-written to condense, consolidates, and clarifies the intent of the import requirements and to remove redundant requirements. Several definitions have been deleted or amended to clarify the more substantive sections of the rules. We have changed many definitions to use the common name of animal species instead of the scientific name to make the rules more understandable to lay people. The section on Requirements for the Importation of Bison and Cattle has been updated to incorporate recent Board orders on Trichomoniasis and Tuberculosis, and to further clarify requirements (testing and/or vaccination) for Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, and Trichomoniasis.

One section has been modified to better explain requirements for the Interstate Equine Health Movement Permit. A new allowance has been added into the rules that would enable animals to be imported into the state to go directly to a licensed veterinarian for treatment, testing, or diagnosis without a health certificate if certain conditions are met.

The amended rules will better protect the Wyoming livestock industry from incursion of diseases that have recently affected surrounding states such as bovine Tuberculosis and Trichomoniasis.