

## Statement of Reasons

### Chapter 6 Brucellosis Risk Mitigation Activities and Reimbursement

The Wyoming Livestock Board seeks to amend Chapter 6 of its rules entitled “Brucellosis Risk Mitigation Activities and Reimbursement Rules.” Along with Chapter 2 entitled “Brucellosis Management and Mitigation,” Chapter 6 implements the Legislature’s direction to the Board to develop a Brucellosis surveillance program. First adopted in 2009, Chapter 6 sets forth the parameters, requirements, and rates of compensation for testing livestock for Brucellosis, spaying heifers, and vaccinating adults to the extent that these activities are reasonably necessary to maintain or regain the State’s Brucellosis-free status. The Board intends to change the word “Reimbursement” in the title to “Compensation” to match the statutory language of Wyoming Statute § 11-19-407 and to better identify what Chapter 6 does.

The Board adopted the proposed revisions to Chapter 6 for the following reasons:

- To clarify test sample collection and handling protocols.
- To clarify the eligibility and procedural requirements for possible compensation for veterinarians and approved livestock markets that conduct Brucellosis testing, adult vaccination, and heifer spaying.
- To clarify where veterinarians can submit test samples by adding the phrase “and other USDA APHIS approved Brucellosis testing laboratories” in three sections.
- To change all uses of “cattle” to “Bovinae” to be consistent with Chapter 2.
- To remove unnecessary definitions and provisions, correct inconsistencies, remove ambiguity, correct technical and grammatical errors, and improve readability.