



Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules

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Revised August 2023

1. General Information

a. Agency/Board Name* Livestock Board		
b. Agency/Board Address 1934 Wyoott Drive	c. City Cheyenne	d. Zip Code 82002
e. Name of Agency Liaison Dr. Hallie Hasel, State Veterinarian		f. Agency Liaison Telephone Number 307-777-8270
g. Agency Liaison Email Address hallie.hasel@wyo.gov		
h. Date of Public Notice 06/03/2026	i. Comment Period End Date 07/22/2026	
j. Public Comment URL or Email Address: wlsb-rules@wyo.gov		
k. Program General Agency, Board and Commission Rules		
Amended Program Name (if applicable):		

* By checking this box, the agency is indicating it is exempt from certain sections of the Administrative Procedure Act including public comment period requirements. Please contact the agency for details regarding these rules.

2. Legislative Enactment

For purposes of this Section 2, "new" only applies to regular non-emergency rules promulgated in response to a Wyoming legislative enactment not previously addressed in whole or in part by prior rulemaking and does not include rules adopted in response to a federal mandate.

a. Are these non-emergency regular rules new as per the above description and the definition of "new" in Chapter 1 of the Rules on Rules?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If the rules are new, please provide the Legislative Chapter Number and Year Enacted:	Chapter:	Year:
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3. Rule Type and Information

For purposes of this Section 3, "New" means an emergency or regular rule that has never been previously created.

a. Provide the Chapter Number, Title and Proposed Action for Each Chapter. Please use the "Additional Rule Information" form to identify additional rule chapters.

Chapter Number: 25	Chapter Name: Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
Amended Chapter Name (if applicable):		
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4. Public Comments and Hearing Information

a. A public hearing on the proposed rules has been scheduled. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Date:	Time:	City:	Location:

b. What is the manner in which interested persons may present their views on the rulemaking action?

By submitting written comments to the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, a government subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. Requests for a public hearing may be submitted:

To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

c. Any person may urge the Agency not to adopt the rules and request the Agency to state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Requests for an agency response must be made prior to, or within thirty (30) days after adoption, of the rule, addressed to the Agency and Agency Liaison listed in Section 1 above.

5. Federal Law Requirements

a. These rules are created/amended/revoked to comply with federal law or regulatory requirements. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Applicable Federal Law or Regulation Citation:

Indicate one (1):

The proposed rules meet, but do not exceed, minimum federal requirements.

The proposed rules exceed minimum federal requirements.

Any person wishing to object to the accuracy of any information provided by the Agency under this item should submit their objections prior to final adoption to:

To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

6. State Statutory Requirements

a. Indicate one (1):

The proposed rule change *MEETS* minimum substantive statutory requirements.

The proposed rule change *EXCEEDS* minimum substantive statutory requirements. Please attach a statement explaining the reason that the rules exceed the requirements.

b. The Agency has completed a takings assessment as required by W.S. 9-5-304. A copy of the assessment used to evaluate the proposed rules may be obtained:

By contacting the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

7. Additional APA Provisions

a. Complete all that apply in regards to uniform rules:

These rules are not impacted by the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j).

The following chapters do not differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j):

(Provide chapter numbers)

These chapters differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j) (see Statement of Principal Reasons).

(Provide chapter numbers)

b. Checklist

The Statement of Principal Reasons is attached to this Notice and, in compliance with *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. v. Environmental Quality Council*, 590 P.2d 1324 (Wyo. 1979), includes a brief statement of the substance or terms of the rule and the basis and purpose of the rule.

If applicable: In consultation with the Attorney General's Office, the Agency's Attorney General representative concurs that strike and underscore is not required as the proposed amendments are pervasive (Chapter 3, *Types of Rules Filings*, Section 1, Proposed Rules, of the Rules on Rules).

8. Authorization

a. I certify that the foregoing information is correct.

<i>Printed Name of Authorized Individual</i>	Renaë Krakow
<i>Title of Authorized Individual</i>	Executive Assistant/ Rules Coordinator
<i>Date of Authorization</i>	06/02/2026



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Statement of Principal Reasons

Chapter 25 Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement

The Wyoming Livestock Board is proposing revisions to its Chapter 25 Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement and Mitigation Rules. The revisions include updating definitions and terminology, clarifying the expense mitigation claim process, requiring pre-approval for certain equipment purchases, allowing reimbursement for ongoing expenses as needed throughout the quarantine, and adding the option of cost sharing. The proposed revisions increase clarity for expense reimbursement for producers who own or manage Bovinae under brucellosis quarantine.

Proposed revisions to Section 2, Definitions Used in Rules, align definitions with recent updates to definitions throughout Board rules. Proposed changes include defining Equipment and expanding the definition of Qualified Expenses to enhance clarity.

In Section 3, Claim Process, proposed changes add the option of requesting reimbursement for ongoing expenses throughout the brucellosis quarantine to ease the financial burden to producers. Current rules allow one total claim for all expenses. Proposed changes also require the purchase of equipment to be preapproved for consideration as a reimbursable expense, and allow the option for partial approval of requested expenses.

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Chapter 25

Brucellosis Quarantine Mitigation Expense Reimbursement

Section 1. Authority to Create Rules. The following rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 11-19-103(k) and 11-19-118(e).

Section 2. Definitions Used in Rules.

(a) “Affected Herd Management Plan” means a written document approved by the Wyoming State Veterinarian that outlines the practices the affected herd owner or manager shall implement to eliminate Brucellosis infection from the Herd and that incorporates the requirements for the release of a Quarantine.

(b) “Board” means the Wyoming Livestock Board.

(c) “Brucellosis” means an infectious disease of animals and humans caused by *Brucella abortus*.

(d) “Equipment” means the equipment used for gathering, holding, calving, and other management of Bovinae.

(e) “Mitigation Efforts” means the management efforts a herd owner or manager must take to minimize the risk of Brucellosis spreading from an affected herd while that herd is under state Quarantine and an Affected Herd Management Plan.

(f) “Qualified Expenses” means expenses that a herd owner or manager incurs while the herd owner or manager’s herd is under Quarantine and an Affected Herd Management Plan and that would not otherwise be incurred during the course of normal herd management; however, the cost of Equipment purchased during a Quarantine is not a Qualified Expense unless pre-approved for inclusion in the claim for reimbursement and then approved, in whole or in part, by the State Veterinarian as provided in these rules.

(g) “Quarantine” means a document issued by the Wyoming State Veterinarian that restricts the movement of specific Bovinae.

Section 3. Claim Process.

(a) To make a claim for reimbursement of Qualified Expenses, the owner or manager of the Quarantined herd must complete and submit the Board’s application form to the Board’s office at any time during the Quarantine or within 30 days after release from Quarantine for reimbursement of Qualified Expenses.

(b) A herd owner or manager may file only one claim per Quarantine with the exception of ongoing veterinary expenses that are determined to be Qualified Expenses as provided in subsection (d).

(c) If a herd owner or manager plans to purchase Equipment for Mitigation Efforts and plans to include the Equipment cost in the claim, the herd owner or manager must obtain preapproval from the State Veterinarian to include the Equipment cost in the claim before submitting the application form to the Board's office. To obtain preapproval, the herd owner or manager must complete and submit the preapproval form. The State Veterinarian's preapproval to include equipment in the claim means only that the State Veterinarian will consider reimbursement of the Equipment cost and does not guarantee that the State Veterinarian will reimburse the Equipment cost.

(d) The application must be accompanied by all necessary supporting documentation, including:

- (i) Original receipts for Qualified Expenses for Mitigation Efforts;
- (ii) A description of actual Mitigation Efforts conducted;
- (iii) Original receipts for the costs of shipping or transportation specifically required to comply with the Quarantine;
- (iv) Verification of loss due to injury of Bovinae during required testing;
- (v) Original receipts for extra labor and food provision for testing crews; and
- (vi) Documentation of previous management history.

(e) The application for ongoing veterinary expenses must be accompanied by all necessary supporting documentation, including original receipts for mileage expenses charged to the herd owner or manager by an accredited veterinarian for tests conducted as part of the Affected Herd Management Plan.

(f) The State Veterinarian will consider claims on a first-filed, first-served basis.

(g) The State Veterinarian will verify that the applicant is in compliance with all state and federal animal health and brand inspection rules and conditions outlined in the Quarantine and the Affected Herd Management Plan. Only herd owner or managers who are in compliance are qualified to receive reimbursement.

(h) The State Veterinarian and the Board's Director will determine whether each expense listed on the application form is a Qualified Expense and whether each expense is supported by the required documentation. If they cannot agree, the State Veterinarian will ask the Board to make a determination on the disputed expense.

(i) For claims for loss of Bovinae that are supported by verification as provided in subsection (d)(iv) that are deemed to be a Qualified Expense, the State Veterinarian is not obligated to pay any more than the indemnity amount as calculated in W.S. § 11-19-106(c).

(j) For claims that have been preapproved to include the cost of Equipment as provided in subsection (c), the State Veterinarian and the Board's Director may determine that only a portion of the Equipment cost is a Qualified Expense.

(k) The State Veterinarian will approve, partially approve, or reject a claim within 30 days of receiving all of the required documentation and will provide written reasons for his decision. However, if the State Veterinarian asks the Board to make a determination on a disputed expense, he or she shall ratify the Board's determination within 30 days of the Board's determination. A copy of the application form and all documentation, the State Veterinarian's decision, and if applicable, the Board's determination will be presented to the State Auditor's Office and the claimant and kept on file in the Board's Cheyenne office in accordance with the Board's retention schedule.

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