



Idaho Cattle Association

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Idaho State Department of Agriculture
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to IDAPA rule 02.04.21, Section 240:03a, requesting Idaho implement an interim amendment to exempt cattle of beef and dairy breeds coming into the state from Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Advanced States or Zones from requiring a negative tuberculosis test. This exemption would only be applied to cattle of beef and dairy breeds going into certified finishing feedlots, if consigned for slaughter.

The current rule reads, “. . . *steers, spayed heifers, and intact heifers of beef breeds that are consigned directly to a feedlot approved for finish feeding of cattle or bison relative to tuberculosis, may enter without individual identification or testing for tuberculosis . . .*”

The interim amendment would be written as follows, “. . . *steers, spayed heifers, and intact heifers of beef and dairy breeds that are cosigned directly to a feedlot approved for finish feeding of cattle or bison relative to tuberculosis, may enter without testing for tuberculosis. . .*”

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, which affects the cattle industry and Idaho’s economy as a whole.

With regards,

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President