

IDAPA 02 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02.04.21 - RULES GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1501

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 25-203, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

**Thursday, July 23, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (MDT)**

**Idaho State Department of Agriculture
2270 Old Penitentiary Road
Boise, ID 83712**

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following: interested members of the public who wish to participate must submit any written comments, questions, recommendations, or ideas to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture addressed to Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Division of Animal Industries. Individuals may also attend the public meeting to be conducted on the above date during which the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will allow oral comments or presentations to be made.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

In 2014, the Western States Livestock Health Association issued recommendations to harmonize Trichomoniasis testing regulations for all western states. The following rule changes are consistent with those recommendations:

IDAPA 02.04.21.260.01 – The accepted age for virgin bulls imported into Idaho will be changed to 18 months from 12 months.

IDAPA 02.04.21.260.02 – The validity of a Trichomoniasis test will be extended to 60 days from 30 days.

CONTACT INFORMATION, WEB ADDRESS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a copy of the preliminary draft of the text of the proposed rule, contact Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Division of Animal Industries at (208) 332-8540. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the ISDA web site, www.agri.idaho.gov.

All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 30, 2015.

DATED this 10th day of June, 2015.

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