

IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02.04.20 – RULES GOVERNING BRUCELLOSIS

DOCKET NO. 02-0420-1901

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 Sections 25-203 and 25-601, Idaho Code.

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

PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday, June 27, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (MDT)
Idaho State Department of Agriculture 2270 Old Penitentiary Road Boise, ID 83712

The meeting site will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

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 (Scott.Leibsle@isda.idaho.gov). 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.

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusion reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

This rule change will reduce the Brucellosis test eligible age of cattle/bison from 18 months to 12 months. This recommendation was made following the 2018 USDA audit of Idaho's brucellosis program and is necessary to minimize restrictions on interstate market access for Idaho cattle producers and maintain eligibility for federal cooperative funding to operate the program. The second rule change will remove "Idaho origin" as a prerequisite for adult brucellosis vaccination of cattle/bison. This is an unnecessary regulation that no longer poses a risk to the cattle industry. IDAPA 02.04.20 will also be reviewed for amendment or repeal of select sections in order to comply with the Red Tape Reduction Act.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: 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.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before June 30, 2019.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2019.

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