

The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact were prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect copies are requested to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. In addition, copies may be obtained by writing to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 301

Agricultural commodities, Incorporation by reference, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 301 is amended as follows:

PART 301—DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

1. The authority citation for part 301 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150bb, 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 161, 162, and 164–167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

2. In § 301.78–3, paragraph (c) is amended by adding an entry for Orange County, CA, in alphabetical order, to read as follows:

§ 301.78–3 Quarantined areas.

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California

Orange County. That portion of Orange County in the Lake Forest area bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 5 and State Highway 133; then northeast along an imaginary line to its intersection with Marine Way and the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station perimeter; then northeast along the El Toro Marine

Corps Air Station perimeter to Irvine Boulevard; then southeast along Irvine Boulevard to N Street; then northeast along N Street to the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station perimeter; then northeast along the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station perimeter to State Highway 241; then southeast along State Highway 241 to Antonio Parkway; then southwest along Antonio Parkway to Oso Parkway; then west along Oso Parkway to Felipe Road; then southwest along Felipe Road to Marguerite Parkway; then south along Marguerite Parkway to Crown Valley Parkway; then southwest along Crown Valley Parkway to State Highway 73; then northeast along State Highway 73 to State Highway 133; then north along State Highway 133 to the point of beginning.

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Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of August 1998.

Joan M. Arnoldi,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 78

[Docket No. 98–086–1]

Validated Brucellosis-Free States; Alabama

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are amending the brucellosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of swine by adding Alabama to the list of validated brucellosis-free States. We have determined that Alabama meets the criteria for classification as a validated brucellosis-free State. This action relieves certain restrictions on the interstate movement of breeding swine from Alabama.

DATES: Interim rule effective August 21, 1998. Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before October 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 98–086–1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 98–086–1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW.,

Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Arnold Taft, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231, (301) 734–4916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Brucellosis is a contagious disease affecting animals and humans, caused by bacteria of the genus *Brucella*. The brucellosis regulations, contained in 9 CFR part 78 (referred to below as the regulations), prescribe conditions for the interstate movement of cattle, bison, and swine.

Under the swine brucellosis regulations, States, herds, and individual animals are classified according to their brucellosis status. Interstate movement requirements for swine are based upon the disease status of the individual animal or the herd or State from which the animal originates.

We are amending § 78.43 of the regulations, which lists validated brucellosis-free States, to include Alabama. A State may apply for validated brucellosis-free status when: (1) Any herd found to have swine brucellosis during the 2-year qualification period preceding the application has been depopulated. More than one finding of a swine brucellosis-infected herd during the qualification period disqualifies the State from validation as brucellosis-free; and (2) during the 2-year qualification period, the State has completed surveillance, annually, by either complete herd testing, market swine testing, or statistical analysis.

Breeding swine originating from a validated brucellosis-free State or herd may be moved interstate without having been tested with an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to interstate movement, which would otherwise be required.

After reviewing its brucellosis program records, we have concluded that Alabama meets the criteria for classification as a validated brucellosis-free State. Therefore, we are adding Alabama to the list of States in § 78.43. This action relieves certain restrictions on the interstate movement of breeding swine from Alabama.

Immediate Action

The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has

determined that there is good cause for publishing this interim rule without prior opportunity for public comment. Immediate action is warranted to remove unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of swine from Alabama.

Because prior notice and other public procedures with respect to this action are impracticable and contrary to the public interest under these conditions, we find good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553 to make this action effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**. We will consider comments that are received within 60 days of publication of this rule in the **Federal Register**. After the comment period closes, we will publish another document in the **Federal Register**. The document will include a discussion of any comments we receive and any amendments we are making to the rule as a result of the comments.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. For this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process required by Executive Order 12866.

This action removes the requirement that breeding swine be tested for brucellosis prior to movement interstate from Alabama.

Approximately 99 percent of swine herd producers in Alabama are small businesses (defined by the Small Business Administration as having annual gross receipts of less than \$500,000). Currently, these small producers have about 20,000 adult swine tested annually for brucellosis, at a cost to producers of approximately \$5 per test. We are not able to determine exactly how many of these tests are performed for the purpose of certifying breeding swine for movement interstate, but we estimate the number to be small.

We anticipate, therefore, that this action will have a minimal positive economic impact, if any, on swine producers in Alabama.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.025 and is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V.)

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are in conflict with this rule; (2) has no retroactive effect; and (3) does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 78

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Hogs, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Accordingly, we are amending 9 CFR part 78 as follows:

PART 78—BRUCELLOSIS

1. The authority citation for part 78 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111–114a–1, 114g, 115, 117, 120, 121, 123–126, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

§ 78.43 [Amended]

2. Section 78.43 is amended by adding “Alabama,” immediately before “Alaska,”.

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of August 1998.

Joan M. Arnoldi,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

18 CFR Part 401

Rules of Practice and Procedure

CFR Correction

In Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 400 to End, revised as of April 1, 1998, make the following corrections:

1. On page 6, § 410.0 is corrected to read “§ 401.0” in the heading;
2. On page 12, § 401.35, paragraph (b)(18), second line, “specify” is corrected to read “specially” and in paragraph (d), eighth line, “Executor” is corrected to read “Executive Director”;
3. On page 13, § 401.36, paragraph (c), third line, insert the word “sources” after the word “water”;

4. On page 15, § 401.73, paragraph (b), first line, the word “When” is corrected to read “Whenever”;

5. On page 17, § 401.82, paragraph (a), column 2, first line, “ins” is corrected to read “is”, and in the fourth and fifth line “Commissioner” is corrected to read “Commission or”.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 51

[Public Notice 2712]

Passport Procedures—Amendment to Restriction of Passports Regulation

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule adopts as final the interim final rule amending the rules concerning passport restrictions published November 25, 1997. This rule added one new ground for denying, revoking or canceling a passport.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon E. Palmer-Royston, Office of Passport Policy and Advisory Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (202) 955–0231.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 51

Administrative practice and procedure, Passports and visas.

Accordingly, the interim rule amending 22 CFR part 51 which was published at 62 FR 62694 on November 25, 1997, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Dated: August 3, 1998.

Mary A. Ryan,

Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 301 and 602

[TD 8780]

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Rewards for Information Relating to Violations of Internal Revenue Laws

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Final and temporary regulations.