ADT and Approved Livestock Facility Rule Update

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Who is LMA?

- LMA represents 77% of the regularly selling livestock markets in the U.S.A.
  - *(regularly selling = at least one sale per week)*
- Junction between buyers and sellers
Where are our 800+ members located?
Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

General Identification Requirements:

- For cattle, the following animals must be identified with official ID if traveling in interstate commerce:
  - All sexually intact cattle and bison over 18 months of age,
  - All female dairy cattle of any age,
  - All dairy males (intact or castrated) born after March 11, 2013, and
  - Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, shows, exhibition, and recreational events.

This rule only applies to cattle moving from one state to another and not those staying in state.
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Health Certificate Recording

- Cattle requiring official identification must have an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI), commonly called a health certificate, or alternate documentation agreed on by the state to move across state lines.

- Generally, the official identification number of cattle must be recorded on this document. However, this is not required for cattle moving from an approved livestock facility directly to slaughter or dairy steers under 18 months of age.
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- Owner Shipper Statement Exception
  - Cattle requiring official ID may move across state lines directly to an approved livestock facility prior to being identified and without a health certificate if moved on an owner shipper statement.

- Tagging site Exception
  - Cattle moving from out of state to an approved tagging site can be tagged once they arrive.

- Back Tag option for direct-to-slaughter cattle
  - Cattle moved direct-to-slaughter can move with approved backtags instead of official identification even if moving between states.
  - May stop at one approved tagging site prior to being shipped to slaughter.
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- **Dairy Steer Concerns**
  - Worse when shipping to states requiring individual ID numbers to be listed on the ICVI

- **Confusion with State Import Requirements**

- **Implementation has been gradual**
  - March 4, 2014 – USDA announced it will pursue penalties in situations where an individual repeatedly fails to comply with the regulatory requirements.

  - Chart shows cases as of end of 2014

- **Consistency is Key**
  - Can’t only be enforced in the livestock markets
  - This would push people out of the markets and reduce compliance
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- **Terminology** - “Approved Livestock Marketing Facilities”

- **Veterinary Oversight** – Option for vet on call

- **Agreement Location** - Take agreement out of regulations and instead included in the ADT General Standards. (LMA Opposes)

- **All Facility Requirements (regardless of USDA approval)** –
  - Allow APHIS or State representatives on their premises to conduct activities related to the detection, control, and eradication of livestock diseases. (Authority already exists.)
  - Provide records and receipts retained by the facility pertaining to disease detection, control, or eradication to state and federal animal health officials on request.
  - Keep records of USDA-approved backtags and official ID devices for 5 years

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- **Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)** - Exceptions for cattle moving across state lines to Approved Livestock Marketing Facilities only apply to cattle moved from **Farm of Origin**
  - Farm where livestock are produced / maintained for four months

- **Existing Documents can be used instead of Owner Shipper Statements**
  - State animal health official may allow cattle to move to an Approved Livestock Marketing Facility from a farm of origin without an owner shipper statement or ICVI, as long as the movement information is recorded as soon as the cattle are unloaded.

- **Question about Application of USDA Approved Backtags**
  - USDA is requesting public comment on whether they should amend the regulations to specify the location for placing backtags, and, if so, where it should be (examples – shoulder or closer to the hip)

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Markets’ Duties Listed in Agreement

i. Shall arrange for an accredited veterinarian to be available when needed at the facility to carry out State and Federal regulations, including but not limited to the issuance of ICVIs.

ii. May not sell livestock to out-of-State buyers or allow the animals to move to interstate destinations requiring ICVIs under 9 CFR part 86 or State of destination import requirements unless the facility operator makes available an accredited veterinarian to complete the certificates.

iii. Shall see that buyers and consignors are aware of ICVI requirements.

iv. Shall see that the accredited veterinarian is advised of livestock being moved interstate or that need an ICVI.

v. Shall indicate the management’s plan for having an accredited veterinarian available to meet the requirements of 9 CFR by selecting the most appropriate response below.

***LMA will likely request the language in items ii, iii, and iv be adjusted***

Want to be a partner but may not possess needed information.
Questions?

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