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Animal Additions to Tuberculosis (TB)-Accredited Cervid Herds

1. Purpose and Background

The cervid TB program is one element of the Agency's overall bovine TB eradication program. The Director of the Federal Register, in accordance with [5 U.S. Code \(U.S.C.\) 552\(a\)](#) and *Code of Federal Regulations* [1 CFR part 51](#), has approved the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules (January 22, 1999, edition) for incorporation by reference into the CFR. Herd owners, shippers, and others moving animals regulated under [9 CFR part 77](#) should follow the procedures specified in the Uniform Methods and Rules.

This bulletin aligns Uniform Methods and Rules requirements with 9 CFR part 77 requirements. This bulletin further clarifies the requirements to add animals to TB Accredited Cervid herds.

2. Document Status

Review date: 09/28/2019.

3. Reason for Reissuance

Replaces VS Bulletin 2018.01.

4. Authority and References

A. Authorities (CFR and U.S.C.):

- [7 CFR 371.4](#)
- [9 CFR part 77.20 - 77.41](#)

B. References

[Uniform Methods and Rules 1999](#)

5. Audience

Veterinary Services employees, other Federal and State agencies, and members of the public.

6. Body of Bulletin

Animal Additions: Accredited herd additions must originate directly from one of the following and have no exposure to captive cervids from herds of lesser status than the addition's herd of origin:

- A. An accredited herd.
- B. A qualified or monitored herd, if the added individual animals had negative results on an official TB test within 90 days prior to entry. Isolate additions from members of the accredited herd until the added animals have a negative result on an official TB test at least 90 days from the date of entry.
- C. A herd not meeting the requirements of A or B above. Isolate the additions from members of the accredited herd until the additions have a negative result on an official TB test conducted at least 90 days from the date of entry. These animals must have negative results on two official TB tests conducted at least 90 days apart. Conduct the second of these tests within 90 days of moving the animals to the accredited herd's premises.

Animals added under B and C shall not receive accredited herd status for sale or movement purposes until they have been in the herd at least 90 days, and have been retested and found negative for TB at least 90 days after entry.

For animals added under A, each animal in an accredited herd, other than natural additions, must have documented evidence of a negative official TB test within the last 36 months to receive accredited herd status for sale or movement purposes. If no test of the moving animal occurred within 36 months of moving to the receiving accredited herd, the animal must have an official TB test conducted prior to entry in the receiving accredited herd.

This policy supersedes the requirements for additions found in the [Uniform Methods and Rules January 1999 Part VI.A.3](#).

7. Inquiries

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