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More TB testing for bovine imports from Chihuahua Mexico

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Report Highlights:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is reclassifying the bovine tuberculosis (TB) status for the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. Chihuahua's TB status will be downgraded from modified accredited to accreditation preparatory (AP) as of August 18, 2011. Therefore, the import requirements for cattle from the state of Chihuahua will include a whole-herd TB test at the place of origin and individual TB test.

General Information:

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In the short term, the following actions will be taken to address the interim animal health risks.

Effective June 20, 2011, cattle from Chihuahua may only be imported into the United States if the animals are accompanied by TB test charts containing:

- 1) Names and signatures of specific accredited veterinarians who have been approved by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) to perform TB testing; and
- 2) Names and signatures of Federal, State, or committee veterinarians who supervised preexport testing of cattle from Chihuahua performed by certified accredited veterinarians.

APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) port veterinarians should confirm that TB test charts accompanying cattle from Chihuahua contain only signatures from both the approved accredited veterinarian and supervising SAGARPA veterinarian.

Furthermore, effective June 20, 2011, and until further notice, cattle from Chihuahua, Mexico that are designated as or believed to be rodeo animals are prohibited from entering the United States. This will apply to any bovines with discernable horns, and animals belonging to the Corriente and other popular rodeo breeds.

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