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By Order of the State Veterinarian– Import of Canadian Cattle

Effective November 19, 2007, the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services will allow Canadian cattle and bison born after March 1, 1999, to be imported into the United States as outlined in “title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9CFR) part 93”.

The State of Alaska will accept these bovine animals if they meet the requirements of the USDA under Minimal Risk Rule – 2, obtain an import permit issued by the USDA and meet these additional/specific State requirements:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to AS 03.05.011- 03.05.100 that until further notice, all cattle and bison imported from Canada, under the USDA’s Minimal Risk Rule II must adhere to the following State requirements in addition to the requirements of USDA:

1. Must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection which states that the animals presented for export into Alaska were born on or after March 1, 1999.
2. Each animal will be individually identified by an official identification device that will trace to the premises of origin.
3. Each animal will be branded with the upper case letters “CAN” on the right hip. This must be a permanent brand.
4. Must test negative tuberculosis within 30 days of importation unless under 6 months of age.
5. Must test negative for Brucellosis within 30 days of importation unless under 6 months of age
Or: under 18 months of age and has been brucellosis vaccinated under state/federal supervision
6. The state retains the option to quarantine the animals at the premise of destination and require retest for Brucellosis and/or tuberculosis 45 to 120 days after arrival.
7. Statement on certificate of veterinary inspection; “free of ectoparasites” or treated for ectoparasites within 10 days prior to entry with a product approved by the USDA, FDA or EPA.
8. A separate Alaska State import permit number must be obtained from the Office of the State Veterinarian and written on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Office of the State Veterinarian. Any exception to this Order shall be by written approval of the State Veterinarian, and only when such exception is in the best interest of the livestock industry of Alaska and consistent

with sound animal health practices. Applications for an exception shall completely and accurately describe the need for the exception. Exceptions granted shall be in writing, although applicants may be advised in advance by telephone or in person that an exception has been granted.

ORDERED BY: _____
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