

02 NCAC 52E .0209 CERTIFICATES: CATTLE AND SWINE REMOVED FOR NON-SLAUGHTER

(a) No cattle except those for immediate slaughter shall be removed from a public livestock market unless they are accompanied by a certificate issued by a veterinarian accredited pursuant to Title 9, Part 161 of the Code of Federal Regulations or an employee of the veterinary division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture or Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, United States Department of Agriculture. The certificate shall show that such animals are apparently healthy and come directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd or state or that eligible cattle listed have passed an approved test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to sale. (Steers, spayed heifers, and native cattle under 18 months of age are exempt from this requirement.) Every animal shall be identified by a numbered ear tag or tattoo in accordance with Title 9, Part 78.1 of the Code of Federal Regulations. No brucellosis test shall be required on official brucellosis vaccinates less than 20 months of age of the dairy breeds and less than 24 months of age of the beef breeds, provided that all parturient or post parturient cattle regardless of age shall be tested for brucellosis. Official calfhood vaccinates must be identified by ear tag, tattoo or official vaccination certificate.

(b) Swine. No swine except those for immediate slaughter shall be removed from any public livestock market unless they are accompanied by a certificate issued by a veterinarian accredited pursuant to Title 9, Part 161 of the Code of Federal Regulations or employee of the veterinary division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture or Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, United States Department of Agriculture. The certificate shall show that swine covered by the certificate are apparently healthy and come directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd. Each animal shall be identified with an official ear tag, tattoo or other methods approved by the State Veterinarian.

(c) Record Kept. A copy of all health certificates issued on cattle and swine sold in a public livestock market shall be kept on file as a part of the livestock market records for at least one year.

(d) Exemptions. The Commissioner of Agriculture exempts from the requirement for official health certificates all breed sponsored sales, quality feeder pig sales where animals are not sold for movement to other states, and those sponsored wholly or in part by an agency of state government.

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