

SUBPART 2-ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
CHAPTER 09-Livestock Sales Regulation

Movement Of Cattle Through Livestock Markets, Commission Markets, Stockyards, Or Public Auctions Or Other Places Of Livestock Trading Or Slaughter Establishments

100.01 By virtue of authority granted the Mississippi Board of Animal Health under the provisions of the State Laws governing the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, and particularly 69-15-9, 69-15-107, 69-15-115, Mississippi code 1972, the following regulation is adopted governing the movement of cattle through livestock markets, commission markets, stockyards, public auctions, or other places of livestock trading located and operated within the State of Mississippi. For purposes of this regulation, a livestock trading place is defined as any place, public or private, where cattle are assembled for the purpose of sale or resale based upon the purchase price of such cattle an approved livestock market on the sale-day listed in the livestock market facility agreement.

(Amended 2007.)

100.02 All heifers, cows, and bulls of either beef or dairy breeds over eighteen (18) months of age shall be properly identified and tested for brucellosis before being offered for sale at any ~~public or private sale or market premises. Cows and bulls that are determined to be 9 years of age or older are not required to be tested and will not be paid for by the Board of Animal Health.~~ Any cattle determined to be “slaughter” or “cull” animals by age or by body condition, are not required to be tested, unless returning to a farm.

(Amended 2007.)

100.03 A certificate of test will be issued, if requested, on the cattle which pass an official test for brucellosis and are not known to be exposed. The certificate shall be signed by the approved veterinarian, and the cattle listed thereon may be offered for resale anywhere in the state within 30 days of date of issue without being re-tested, provided the certificate is presented with each animal. Cattle subject to resale at another livestock market must be re-tested unless positive proof of valid test certificate to match identification on cattle is presented to the market veterinarian. Buyers requiring an official health certificate for interstate shipment of cattle can obtain the certificate from the market veterinarian.

100.04 BACK TAGGING REQUIREMENTS - all cattle of age and class, designated by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, that are consigned to slaughter must be back tagged by market personnel with tags furnished by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health and the United States Department of Agriculture. Back tags shall be applied in accordance with instructions issued by the Mississippi Board of animal health. The proper location for slaughter cattle shall be in the small hollow behind and near the top of the shoulder. Back tags shall be removed only by persons authorized by the Board. The livestock auction market shall provide necessary facilities for carrying out this requirement and shall make available the

complete name and address of the person selling such animals. When cattle that are back tagged are slaughtered at slaughtering establishments, blood samples shall be collected and forwarded to the State-Federal Brucellosis laboratory for tests.

100.05 Animals received directly at slaughtering establishments shall also be back tagged in accordance with the provisions of this section or otherwise identified. Blood samples shall be obtained from cattle that are back tagged or otherwise identified and forwarded to the State-Federal Brucellosis Laboratory, along with the name and address of the seller of such animals.

100.06 When brucellosis responders ~~reactors~~ are found in market test cattle, ~~herds of origin shall be placed under quarantine and tested for brucellosis until clean of infection or depopulated. The animal shall be returned to farm or held at stockyard for further testing to determine classification of test. Market test cattle are defined as animals moving in trade through auction markets, stockyards, or to slaughtering establishments and also those animals assembled at farms or ranches that are being readied for immediate slaughter to markets, stockyards, or slaughtering establishments or other sales.~~

(Amended 2007.)

100.07 Any cattle which are showing any signs of sickness or symptoms of contagious and infectious diseases will not be allowed to be offered for sale and shall be quarantined to the original shipper's premises or original owner's premises.

100.08 This regulation shall apply to all animals so classified, which are brought to or taken from all livestock sales wheresoever located, whether said animals are sold, traded, or offered from sale or not, and whether said animals are sold by the pound, head, or otherwise.

100.09 The operator or manager of each livestock barn, commission barn, or auction sale or place of livestock trading shall select and have employed during sales an accredited veterinarian who shall be specially approved by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health to render professional veterinary services and advice necessary to comply with this regulation. The veterinarian employed shall have the authority to represent the Mississippi Board of Animal Health in supervising the full compliance with this regulation. He shall keep any and all records required by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health to properly identify the movement of cattle going through each place of business.

100.10 The operator or manager of each sale shall furnish adequate facilities and assistance and shall be responsible for moving all test-eligible cattle to test pens and must notify the veterinarian and/or inspector and owner. The market veterinarian or health inspector is totally responsible for release of test pen cattle.

100.11 Any operator or manager of a livestock barn, commission barn, auction sale, or other place livestock trading shall be guilty of a violation of this regulation upon failure to select and employ an accredited veterinarian or who shall, in any way, interfere with, obstruct, or fail to fully cooperate with such veterinarian or representative of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health in the performance of duties under this regulation and shall be the performance of duties under this regulation and shall be subject to prosecution as provided by law for any such failure.

100.12 The above regulation supplements all previous livestock sales regulations pertaining to cattle.

(Chapter 01 adopted by the Mississippi Board of animal Health on October 4, 1978, to become effective on and after January 1, 1979. Adopted by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health on November 14, 1986, to be effective on and after January 2, 1987. Revisions occurred due to the regulation passage by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health on September 8, 1998, concerning age or status of brucellosis test eligibility. Amended 3/01 to change definition of test eligible animals.)