

**Summary of Public Comments
Clearinghouse Rule 15-092
Chapters ATCP 10 and 12
Animal Disease Control, Animal Movement, and
Animal Markets, Dealers and Truckers**

Madison Hearing, 5 pm, December 21, 2015

<i>Name/Organization</i>	<i>Registered</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Position</i>
None			

Written comments

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None		

Comments by Division of Animal Health (DAH) staff in response to discussions with Federal USDA staff or other interested parties

Tuberculosis testing and control

- The proposed rule requires a person who performs a caudal fold tuberculin test on an animal complete Department-approved training on tuberculosis testing within 5 years prior to the test date.

DAH staff suggest eliminating the term “caudal fold” tuberculin test as tuberculosis test training is not limited to that specific test and training is required for a person to perform any tuberculosis test.

The final rule replaces the term “caudal-fold” tuberculin test with “Tuberculosis test” as it is a defined term under s. ATCP 10.01 (105) and is a more inclusive term.

- The current rule defines “Tuberculosis test” under s. ATCP 10.01 (105) and lists tests that are included under the definition. One of those tests includes “A TB stat-pak screening test when used with a confirmatory secondary dual path platform test for farm-raised deer that are white-tailed deer, red deer, elk, fallow deer, or reindeer.”

DAH staff stated that this language is incorrect due to the TB stat pak screening test no longer being commercially available, and should be modified.

The final rule modifies s. ATCP 10.01 (105) (c) as follows: “~~A TB stat-pak screening test when used with a confirmatory secondary~~ dual path platform test for farm-raised deer that are white-tailed deer, red deer, elk, fallow deer, or reindeer.

- The current rule bans the import of an M-branded bovine into this state unless it goes directly to slaughter.

The federal USDA has informed all states that rules cannot pre-empt federal law as it relates to the import of cattle directly from Mexico.

The final rule, under s. ATCP 10.22 (7m), has been modified to allow the import of an M-branded bovine into this state if it is imported directly from Mexico or goes direct to slaughter. If the bovine animal is imported from Mexico, the complete destination herd will be quarantined upon arrival of the animal and will remain quarantined until the imported animal is negative on a tuberculosis test conducted not sooner than 60 days after the date of import.

Farm-raised deer

- Current rule requires that a farm-raised deer herd registration application list any partial owners of the farm-raised deer listed. The rule also requires the official individual identification for each deer in which the owner has an ownership interest and the amount of that ownership interest, as a percentage or dollar value, be listed.

DAH staff have determined that as long as the deer are kept on a registered deer farm, the official identification and percent ownership when less than 50% is not critical information to be collected as part of a herd registration application.

The final rule still requires that partial owners be listed on the application, but has removed the requirement that official individual identification for each deer and amount of ownership interest, as a percentage or dollar value, be listed.