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I, Gus R. Douglass, Agriculture Commissioner,
West Virginia Department of Agriculture, hereby submit to record in
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- proposed rules and regulations concerning topics of material not covered by existing rules and regulations;
- proposed rules and regulations superseding rules and regulations already on file;
- notice of hearing; January 7, 1982
- findings and determinations;
- rules and regulations; or
- other - specify ()).

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Chapter 19
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- proposed rules and regulations are required to go to Legislative Rule Making Committee;
- proposed rules and regulations are excluded from Legislative Rule Making Committee;

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PUBLIC HEARING ON ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

CHARLESTON, W.VA.--Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass has scheduled a public hearing on Friday, January 7, 1983, to consider changes in the West Virginia Animal Health Regulations. The meeting will be convened at 1 p.m. in the conference room on the second floor of Building 2 of the Guthrie Ag Center, located on Route 21, west of Charleston.

Douglass says that the major emphasis is to develop regulations to implement the new Brucellosis classifications recently put into effect by the U. S. Government, but that numerous minor changes geared to the updating of the overall regulations will be discussed.

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REGULATION COVERING EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA

Chapter 19-2
Series 1e

DEFINITIONS

Equine Infectious Anemia (E.I.A.) shall mean the disease wherein an animal is infected with the causal agent or virus of Equine Infectious Anemia, regardless of whether the animal is showing clinical signs of the disease.

An animal shall be declared infected if it is classified as a reactor to an agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) (Coggins') test.

Only USDA approved laboratories can conduct the official AGID (Coggins') test. Blood samples will be accepted only from an accredited veterinarian, or designated regulatory personnel. All tests will be final.

Exposed animals shall mean any horse, pony, mule or ass (collectively called equines) which are stabled or comingling (race tracks excluded) within 200 yards of a reactor or any horse, pony, mule or ass which in addition to the reactor is under the care of the same trainer.

Positive identification shall mean a description of color, markings, scars or other physical characteristics of the animal including tattoos and brands.

All horses, ponies, mules and asses entering West Virginia for purposes other than immediate slaughter or consigned to livestock auction markets, must be accompanied by an official health certificate giving a positive description of the animal and showing a negative result to an agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) (Coggins') test for E.I.A. within the six (6) months immediately prior to entry. Equine from states with a horse health program comparable to West Virginia shall be allowed entry into the state if accompanied by an official health certificate

giving a positive description of the animal and showing a negative result to an agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) (Coggins') test within the twelve (12) months prior to entry.

All horses, ponies, mules and asses from West Virginia being exhibited at West Virginia fairs, shows, festivals, parades, trail rides or other points of public assembly must be accompanied by an official health certificate giving a positive description of the animal and showing a negative result to an agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) (Coggins') test for E.I.A. with the twenty-four (24) months immediately prior to such exhibition.

The enforcement of this stipulation, through checking the Coggins' certification, for animals from both within and without the State rests with the management of each event. All credentials and certificates for equine at any and all events shall be subject to unannounced spot checking by officials of the Department of Agriculture.

When a horse, pony, mule or ass is found to be positive to the agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) (Coggins') test, the reactor and all exposed animals on the same premises shall be immediately quarantined. If a positive reactor is found at a horse racetrack all animals handled by the same trainer who is in charge of the reactor will be considered exposed animals and so quarantined. The Agriculture Commissioner, if he deems necessary, may classify as exposed all animals in the same shed row of stall area as the reactor.

An equine shall be classified as an E.I.A. reactor when two consecutive blood samples taken from the horse are found to be positive

at the State-Federal Laboratory and one of these two samples is found to be positive when submitted to the Federal Laboratory at Ames, Iowa. All equines should be immediately isolated from all other equines at the discovery of the first positive test and all exposed horses quarantined.

Before a quarantine can be lifted, all exposed animals must be tested negative no sooner than 30 days after the reactor has been removed from the band. The reactor or reactors must be isolated from non-reactors in stalls or pastures a distance of at least 200 yards from other equines. A reactor can only be moved by permission of the Agriculture Commissioner or his agent.

All animals found to be reactors shall be permanently identified with a visible freeze brand under mane on left side, with the notation 54-A and a number assigned to the particular horse. All permanent identification shall be made by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Division. The Commissioner of Agriculture reserves the right to retest animals when and if conditions warrant. When a reactor has originated, within the preceding 12 months, from another known band of equine, traceback testing will be done. All reactors shall be branded as such.

If a reactor animal is destroyed, no indemnity will be forthcoming from the State of West Virginia.

If reactors are with foal, the foal should be isolated from the dam as quickly as possible after birth and tested. All foal found to react positively to an official test shall be quarantined and retested at 12 months of age. If positive at that time, the animal shall be

subject to permanent identification and continued quarantine.

Done in the office of the Agriculture Commissioner, Capitol
Building, Charleston, West Virginia this

Agriculture Commissioner