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Subject: Enforcement Discretion for certain livestock exhibition requirements

2 CSR 30-4.040(4)(A) 1 and 2 and 2 CSR 30-4.040(5)(A) 1 and 2

Effective Date: February 15, 2024

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State Veterinarian and Division Director, Animal Health

This is a notice that the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) has instituted a policy from February 15, 2024 until February 15, 2025 to exercise agency discretion and determined not to enforce the provisions of 2 CSR 30-4.040(A) 1 and 2 and 2 CSR 30-4.040(B) 1 and 2 until the expiration of this policy. The policy is to provide enforcement discretion of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and official identification requirements for the intrastate movement for exhibition of cattle, bison, exotic bovids, and swine. This policy does not affect the interstate movement requirements of exhibition livestock.

It is the goal of MDA to ensure herd health and prevent diseases amongst livestock in order to protect the livestock industry and food supply. With these goals in mind, changes to the exhibition requirements for cattle, bison, exotic bovids, and swine became effective on December 30, 2023 and now require a CVI and official identification in order to exhibit those livestock in this state. These changes allow MDA to trace movement of livestock, notify exhibitors of possible disease exposure, and allow the Department to make better epidemiological decisions for quarantine and testing of exposed animals.

However, the Department understands the potential impact to exhibitors and disruption caused by this change to the exhibition requirements and will delay enforcement of the provisions listed for one year. In the meantime, livestock producers and exhibitioners are encouraged to continue to ensure the health of their livestock and the livestock industry as a whole by obtaining a CVI and official identification prior to exhibiting animals.

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