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| <p style="text-align: center;">ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exception to the Entry Permit Number Requirement under A.A.C. R3-2-602(B)</p> | <p>DIVISION/PROGRAM ASD</p> <hr/> <p>SP24-02</p> <hr/> <p><i>Paul E. Brinley</i></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <hr/> <p>September 1, 2024</p> <p>DATE</p> |
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1. BACKGROUND

Requirements for livestock importation into the state of Arizona must be conducted in accordance with Title 3, Chapter 2, Article 6 of the Arizona Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”), specifically A.A.C. R3-2-602(B). That rule was adopted on August 19, 1983. The most recent amendment of the rule was effective June 8, 2020.

A.A.C. R3-2-602(B) requires that all livestock (excepting equine, livestock consigned directly to slaughter at a state or federally licensed slaughter establishment, or livestock being transported through the state) shall be accompanied by an Arizona entry permit number documented on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (“CVI”). Given the recent IT modernization efforts at the Arizona Department of Agriculture (“Department”), which has enabled the ability to both send and receive an electronic CVI in real time utilizing the U.S. Animal Health Emergency Reporting Diagnostic System (“USAHERDS”) database and software, the requirement of providing advance notice of an entry permit number for an electronic CVI becomes redundant, if the electronic CVI has been messaged to the Arizona USAHERDS database.

2. POLICY

Until further notice, and unless the Department receives evidence to believe that electronic transfers of CVI are not being messaged and received in a timely manner, the Department will not enforce the requirement for an entry permit number to be furnished for a CVI if interstate livestock movement is supported by a CVI that has been electronically messaged directly to the Arizona USAHERDS database. Interstate livestock movement supported by a paper CVI that is physically mailed to the department will still require provision of an entry permit number for each paper CVI to satisfy import requirements.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Substantive Policy Statement is effective as of the date indicated above.