

<p>ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</p> <p><u>SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT</u></p> <p>ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION</p> <p>Tuberculosis Testing Requirements of Dairy Cattle</p> <p>A.A.C. R3-2-612(e)(3)</p>	<p><u>DIVISION/PROGRAM</u> ASD</p> <hr/> <p>SP22-01</p> <hr/> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <hr/> <p>March 18, 2022</p> <p>DATE</p>
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1. BACKGROUND

Requirements for tuberculosis testing of dairy cattle in 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. R3-2-612(e)(3). That rule was adopted on August 19, 1983. The most recent amendment of the rule was effective June 8, 2020.

A.A.C. R3-2-612(e)(3) requires tuberculosis testing of all dairy cattle, of a certain age, entering the State of Arizona, whether those dairy cattle are intended for use as milk cows or are intended for slaughter. There is no public health or welfare necessity for tuberculosis testing of cattle intended for slaughter-only as there are already mechanisms in place during slaughter inspection for disease screening of carcasses regardless of breed.

2. POLICY

Until further notice, and unless the Arizona Department of Agriculture (“Department”) receives evidence to believe that dairy cattle that are being represented as intended for slaughter are being diverted for use as milk cows, the Department will not enforce the requirement that dairy cattle be tuberculosis tested if such cattle are consigned to licensed feedlots feeding over 10,000 head per year in a designated feedlot approved by the Department for feeding purposes only and subsequently sent directly for slaughter.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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