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Laws 2016, 2nd Regular Session, Chapter 160 (SB 1344) goes into effect on August 6, 2016. The bill makes changes to livestock inspection requirements in Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) § 3-1337(D) and 3-1337 (E). Specifically, SB 1344 allows the Department to approve self-inspection by movers of all livestock. The bill also removes the requirement that swine be inspected by a Livestock Officer or Inspector before they are slaughtered, sold, purchased, driven, transported, shipped, or conveyed.

As a result of these changes, swine will be part of self-inspection as of August 6, 2016. As of this date, swine owners need to submit their self-inspection application (https://agriculture.az.gov/sites/default/files/Attachment%20C_0.pdf), which must be renewed every two years pursuant to R3-2-702, just like all other livestock owners are required to do. If a swine owner needs an inspection prior to this date, they will still be required to call Dispatch at 623-445-0281 in order to schedule an inspection with field staff. Once swine are part of self-inspection, the owner will have to obtain a seasonal pass (<https://agriculture.az.gov/seasonal-passes>) in order to show their swine at an exhibition. Therefore, a self-inspection certificate and seasonal pass will take the place of a swine inspection form for exhibition swine.

The bill removes the \$0.20 per head self-inspection fee for movers of cattle and allows the Director, in consultation with the Department Advisory Council, to establish a fee for the self-inspection book. At the Council's June 14 meeting, the Council adopted a \$1.00 per certificate fee. Therefore, a 25-page self-inspection book will cost \$25 for feedlots; a 20-page book will cost \$20 for dairies; and a 10-page book will cost \$10 for non-range, range, sheep, goat, and swine owners. Pursuant to section 3 of the bill, you will not receive your certificates until you have paid and we have received the fee. Sheep, goat, and swine owners will also be required to pay for a self-inspection book beginning August 6, 2016. Please note that Beef Council fees will still have to be paid and mailed to the Department with the completed certificates.

The bill provides a list of information that can be included on self-inspection certificates. As a result, the following information will NOT be included on self-inspection certificates after August 6, 2016: instructions, phone number, location codes, date of owner's signature, buyer's signature, pen/lot number for feedlots, and permit number for dairies. Pursuant to R3-2-702, you are still required to return used or voided certificates to the Department within 10 days after the month in which the certificate was used or voided, along with any Beef Council fees.

We have pre-printed the majority of the information we have on file onto the certificates. If there are errors, please make appropriate corrections on the certificate. But do not return these

unused certificates to the Department for corrections. We will make corrections to our records as we receive the completed certificates, and these corrections will be reflected in the next set of issued certificates.

If a self-inspection certificate isn't completed accurately, the certificate is invalid and the owner is subject to criminal citation pursuant to ARS § 3-1347. Please follow the instructions below when filling out your certificates.

Fill out where the livestock were shipped from, including the physical address.

Fill out where the livestock are being shipped to or who bought the livestock, including the physical address.

Include the name of the transporter.

Include the number and type of livestock being conveyed.

Fill out the official/animal ID numbers.

Fill out the date shipped.

Fill out the description or breed of shipment and the total head shipped.

Fill out the payment box for changes of ownership in cattle. Pursuant to ARS § 3-1236, there is a Beef Council charge of \$1.00 per head when any feedlot, dairy, range, or non-range cattle change ownership, including inspected commercial slaughter. Beef Council isn't charged if the auction collects the monies or if an owner has the cattle for less than 10 days. If you sell a calf that is less than 10 days old, you still have to pay Beef Council.

The owner shall sign the certificate.

For Dairy certificates, fill out the 86D backtag numbers.

For Range certificates, the brand design, brand number, brand location, and brand expiration date will be pre-printed.

A self-inspection certificate CANNOT be used for changes of ownership in range cattle, removal of range cattle from the State, or custom slaughter because a livestock inspector must inspect these occurrences. If you need a livestock inspection, please call Dispatch at 623-445-0281.

A self-inspection certificate is NOT a Bill of Sale. Pursuant to ARS § 3-1291, an acknowledged Bill of Sale is required when livestock are sold.

You are required to return used or voided certificates to the Department within 10 days after the month in which the certificate was used or voided. Make Beef Council checks payable to the Arizona Department of Agriculture, and note the certificate number on the check. Do not send cash. Please mail the completed certificates (or voided certificates) and payment to:

Arizona Department of Agriculture
Attention: Self-Inspection
1688 West Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2617

After August 6, 2016, use the address above when mailing a check for a new self-inspection book, and note the self-inspection customer's name and/or brand number on the check.

Sending this correspondence "Attention: Self-Inspection" will insure that it reaches the correct office.

Thank you for your patience as we implement changes to the self-inspection program as required by SB 1344. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, call (602) 542-6407 or email selfinspection@azda.gov.