

ARTICLE 7. LIVESTOCK INSPECTION

R3-2-701. Department Livestock Inspection

- A. A Division employee shall inspect range cattle, as defined in R3-2-702(A), at a ranch if the owner or agent is:
1. Moving cattle out-of-state,
 2. Transferring cattle ownership, or
 3. Shipping cattle for custom slaughter.
- B. A Division employee shall inspect cattle at a feedlot or dairy if the cattle are being shipped for custom slaughter.
- C. The Department shall not issue a self-inspection certificate to an owner, agent, or operator of a ranch, dairy, or feedlot if that individual has been convicted of a felony under A.R.S. Title 3 within the three-year period before the date on the self-inspection application. A Division employee shall inspect livestock if an applicant is denied self-inspection authority.
- D. During fiscal year 2013, livestock officers and inspectors shall collect from the person in charge of cattle, dairy cattle, or sheep inspected a service charge of \$10 plus the per head inspection fee set out in A.R.S. § 3-1337 for making inspections for the transfer of ownership, sale, slaughter or transportation of the animals.

Historical Note

Adopted effective August 19, 1983 (Supp. 83-4). Section R3-2-701 renumbered from Section R3-9-701 (Supp. 91-4). Section R3-2-701 repealed; new Section R3-2-701 adopted effective February 4, 1998 (Supp. 98-1). Error in subsection (A)(3) corrected under R1-1-109, filed with the Office of the Secretary of State October 18, 2001 (Supp. 01-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 513, effective April 6, 2003 (Supp. 03-1). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 16 A.A.R. 1331, effective June 29, 2010 (Supp. 10-2). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 17 A.A.R. 1756, effective July 20, 2011 (Supp. 11-3). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 18 A.A.R. 2060, effective August 2, 2012 (Supp. 12-3).

R3-2-702. Livestock Self-inspection

A. Definitions.

“Description” means sex, breed, color, and markings, as applicable to the type of livestock.

“Exhibition” means an event including a fair, show, or field day that has as its primary purpose the opportunity for a member of a youth livestock organization, including 4-H and FFA, to display an animal raised by the youth in a judged competition.

“Identification” means brand, back tag number, ear mark, tattoo, metal eartag, plastic eartag, and premises identification number, as applicable to the type of livestock.

“Livestock” means cattle, sheep, and goats.

“Range” means every character of lands, enclosed or unenclosed, outside of cities and towns, upon which livestock is permitted by custom, license or permit to roam and feed. A.R.S. § 3-1201(7)

“Range cattle” means cattle customarily permitted to roam upon the ranges of the state, whether public domain or in private control, and not in the immediate actual possession or control of the owner although occasionally placed in enclosures for temporary purposes. A.R.S. § 3-1201(8)

B. Application.

1. An owner of five or fewer head of livestock shall call the Department at (602) 542-6407 to request a self-inspection certificate. The owner shall provide answers to the questions in subsections (B)(2)(a) through (B)(2)(f) to a Department employee before a certificate will be provided.
2. An owner of six or more head of livestock and an owner or operator of a dairy or feedlot shall request a book of self-inspection certificates from the Department. The applicant shall submit a written application form obtained from the Department and provide the following information:
 - a. Name, mailing address, physical address, telephone number, and fax;
 - b. Name of ranch, dairy, or business and type of operation;
 - c. Social security or business tax identification number;
 - d. Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony under A.R.S. Title 3 within the past three years, and if so, the case number, court, charge, and sentence;
 - e. Recorded brand and brand location;
 - f. Individual designated to sign self-inspection certificates, if applicable; and
 - g. Signature and date.
3. The holder of a self-inspection book shall advise the Department by phone within 30 days of any change to the information provided on an application form.
4. The holder of a self-inspection book shall renew registration with the Department every two years from the date the initial or renewal application form is signed.

C. Self-inspection certificate.

1. An owner, agent, or operator shall provide the following information, as applicable, on a self-inspection certificate whenever livestock subject to self-inspection are moved or ownership is transferred:
 - a. Name, address, telephone number, and signature of the owner or agent;
 - b. Date of the shipment or transfer of ownership;

- c. If moved, location from which and to which the livestock are moved, including the name of the auction, feedlot, arena, slaughter establishment, pasture, or other premises, and physical location;
 - d. Name of transporter;
 - e. Number, description, and identification of each sheep or goat as prescribed in R3-2-413;
 - f. Number, description, and identification of each calf, cow, heifer, steer, or bull and back tag numbers of culled dairy cattle;
 - g. Brand number and expiration date, if available, and brand location;
 - h. Name, address, and telephone number of buyer or agent, and signature if present at sale;
 - i. Number of head of cattle sold for which Beef Council fees are payable under A.R.S. §§ 3-1236 and 3-1238; and
 - j. Number of head of livestock for which an inspection fee is payable under A.R.S. § 3-1337(D).
2. The owner or owner's agent of livestock or the owner or operator of a dairy or feedlot shall complete a self-inspection certificate, except when livestock are subject to inspection by a Division employee under R3-2-701, and distribute copies of the certificate as follows:
- a. One copy and any fees that are owed under subsections (C)(1)(i) and (C)(1)(j) shall be sent to the Department within 10 days after the end of the month in which the livestock are moved or ownership is transferred;
 - b. If the livestock are shipped, the original certificate shall accompany the livestock whenever they are in transit and one copy shall be retained by the person transporting the livestock; or
 - c. If ownership of the livestock is transferred without shipment, two copies shall be provided to the new owner or agent; and one copy shall be retained by the seller.
3. A certificate may be used once to either transfer livestock ownership or to move livestock to a specific destination. If the livestock are diverted to a destination other than that stated on the self-inspection certificate, the certificate is void. The owner, agent, or operator shall complete a new certificate and send both the voided and new certificates to the Department within 10 days after the end of the month in which the certificates are issued or voided.
4. An owner, agent, or operator shall use a self-inspection certificate only with a shipment of livestock matching the description for which the certificate is issued and only for the self-inspection issued date. If any of the information on the self-inspection certificate changes, the certificate is void and the owner, agent, or operator shall complete a new certificate.
5. An altered, erased, completed but unused, or defaced self-inspection certificate is void. A voided certificate shall be returned to the Department within 10 days after the end of the month in which it is voided.
6. Upon request, unused certificates shall be returned to the Department by the owner, agent, or operator. If a commercial operation licensed for self-inspection is sold, leased, transferred, or otherwise disposed of, the owner, agent, or operator shall notify the Department and return all self-inspection certificates to the Department within 30 days of the transaction.
- D. Sale of livestock. A seller shall document a sale by completing a self-inspection certificate as prescribed in subsection (C) and providing a bill of sale to the purchaser as required under A.R.S. § 3-1291.
- E. Feedlot receiving form.
- 1. The operator of a feedlot shall document receipt of in-coming cattle on a form obtained from the Department. The operator shall include the following information on the form:
 - a. Name of feedlot and location;
 - b. Month and year for which report is made;
 - c. Number of cattle received, date received, and name and address of owner;
 - d. Description of the cattle;
 - e. If not Arizona native cattle, the import permit and health certificate numbers;
 - f. If native Arizona cattle, self-inspection form number or Department inspection certificate number; and
 - g. Pen number to which cattle are initially assigned.
 - 2. The operator shall return the completed form within 10 days after the end of the month of the reporting period.
- F. Quarantine. Livestock under quarantine by the Department shall not be shipped or sold by use of a self-inspection certificate.
- G. Violations. The Department shall process violations of this Section as prescribed under A.R.S. § 3-1203(D).

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