

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Importation of Cattle and Bison  
A.A.C. R3-2-612

Division/Program:  
ASD/State Vet's Office

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Signature

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Effective Date

1. ORDER

Brucellosis

A person importing beef cattle or bison into Arizona that are subject to the Brucellosis testing requirements pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R3-2-612 may not have to test their animals for Brucellosis if they are being imported from a state that has been certified Brucellosis-free by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The United States, except for the greater Yellowstone Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) including parts of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, has been certified Brucellosis-free by the USDA. As a result, beef cattle or bison imported into Arizona from the greater Yellowstone DSA will still have to meet the Brucellosis testing requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R3-2-612.

Tuberculosis

A person importing beef cattle or bison into Arizona that are subject to Tuberculosis testing requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R3-2-612 may not have to test their animals for Tuberculosis if they are being imported from a state that has been certified Tuberculosis-free by the USDA as long as that state does not currently have a Tuberculosis quarantine in effect.

Even though every state has been certified Tuberculosis-free by the USDA, portions of Indiana, Michigan, and Texas currently have herds under quarantine and management for Tuberculosis. As a result, beef cattle or bison imported into Arizona from Indiana, Texas, or Michigan will still have to meet the Tuberculosis testing requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R3-2-612.

Dairy Cattle

This Order does NOT exempt dairy cattle from the Tuberculosis and/or Brucellosis testing requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R3-2-612.

2. PURPOSE

A.A.C. R3-2-612 sets out importation requirements for cattle and bison. Depending on the bovine's age and sex, Brucellosis and/or Tuberculosis testing may be required before

importing cattle and bison into Arizona. Since the USDA has determined the majority of the United States to be free of Brucellosis and Tuberculosis, the Department recognizes its rules to be outdated. For this reason, the Department believes the parameters set forth above should be followed until the Department can update its rules through the rulemaking process.

3. AUTHORITY

A.R.S. § 3-1203. General powers and duties; civil penalties.

A.R.S. § 3-1205. Control of animal diseases; violation; classification.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective immediately and shall continue until repealed, modified, or superseded.