

<p>ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</p> <p>SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT</p> <p>Animal Services Division</p> <p>BRAND RECORDING</p>	<p>DIVISION/ PROGRAM <u>3</u></p> <p>POLICY <u>SP 07-01</u></p> <p> SIGNATURE</p> <p><u>July 6, 2007</u> EFFECTIVE DATE</p>
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1. POLICY

Owners of range livestock must record a brand with the Animal Services Division (ASD) of the Arizona Department of Agriculture. The Associate Director of ASD has discretion to reject and refuse to record a brand or mark similar to or conflicting with a previously adopted and recorded brand or mark pursuant to A.R.S. § 3-1261(B). The Environmental Services Division (ESD) records brands on behalf of ASD; accordingly, the Associate Director of ASD delegates his authority for administering this policy to the Associate Director of ESD.

A Scatter brand will be rejected and refused if a mark at any location on an animal is similar to or conflicting with a previously adopted and recorded brand at the same or similar location. Scatter brands are those brands which require marks in more than one location on the animal.

For cattle:

- a shoulder brand will be rejected and refused if it is similar to or conflicting with a previously adopted and recorded rib brand on the same side
- a rib brand will be rejected and refused if it is similar to or conflicting with a previously adopted and recorded shoulder brand on the same side
- a thigh brand will be rejected and refused if it is similar to or conflicting with a previously adopted and recorded hip brand on the same side
- a hip brand will be rejected and refused if it is similar to or conflicting with a previously adopted and recorded thigh brand on the same side
- M brands on the right hip will be rejected and refused.

For horses, a rib brand will be rejected and refused if it is similar to or conflicting with a previously adopted and recorded hip brand.

2. AUTHORITY

- A.R.S. § 3-107(A)(1) Organizational and administrative powers and duties of the Director
- A.R.S. § 3-1261(B) Associate Director discretion regarding recording brands

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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