


<p>ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</p> <p><u>SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT</u></p> <p>ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION</p> <p>Trichomonas Testing Requirements</p> <p>A.A.C. R3-2-410</p>	<p>DIVISION/ PROGRAM ASD</p>
	<p>SP 21-01</p>
	<p></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p>
	<p>January 29, 2021</p> <p>DATE</p>

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1. BACKGROUND

Trichomonas Testing Requirements in the state of Arizona must be conducted in accordance with Title 3, Chapter 2, Article 4 of the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C."), specifically A.A.C. R3-2-410. Those specific requirements were adopted on June 8, 2020.

A.A.C. R3-2-410 defines a "bull" as "an intact male bovine 12 months of age and older" which is "not confined to a drylot dairy." A.A.C. R3-2-410 requires *T.foetus* (Trichomonas) testing of a bull, as defined, prior to transfer (includes sale, lease, gift, exchange or other transfer) of the animal, unless the bull is going directly to slaughter.

The 12-month trigger for testing of intact bulls has proven to be excessively restrictive for the sale of those animals.

2. POLICY

Until further notice, and unless the Department receives evidence to believe that bulls between 12-18 months have been transferred for breeding purposes, the Department will not enforce the requirement for Trichomonas testing of transferred bulls less than 18 months of age.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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