

**IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**02.04.21 - RULES GOVERNING IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1501**

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE**

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 25-203 Idaho Code.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:** Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than September 16, 2015.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking: The Western States Livestock Health Association has issued recommendations to harmonize Trichomoniasis import regulations for all western states. On May 20, 2015, Idaho Trichomoniasis Task Force approved the recommendations and is willing to cooperate with the harmonization effort. As a result, the proposed rule changes would allow imported bulls to be considered virgins up to eighteen (18) months of age and Trichomoniasis tests to be valid for sixty (60) days.

**FEE SUMMARY:** The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

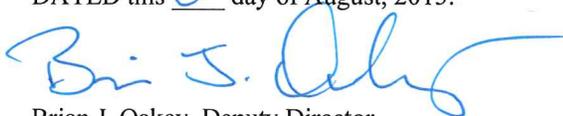
**FISCAL IMPACT:** The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: ISDA does not anticipate any fiscal impact as a result of this rulemaking.

**NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING:** Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the July 1, 2015, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Vol. 15-7, page 18. A negotiated rulemaking meeting was held at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture on July 24, 2015. Two members of the public participated in the meeting. No written comments were received.

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE:** Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning this proposed rule, contact Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator – Division of Animal Industries at (208) 332-8540. Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to Dr. Scott Leibsle and must be delivered on or before September 23, 2015. Comments can be delivered via email to [scott.leibsle@agri.idaho.gov](mailto:scott.leibsle@agri.idaho.gov) or via regular mail to Dr. Leibsle's attention at the address listed below.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.



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