

***Idaho State Department of Agriculture***  
***IDAPA 02.04.21 Rules Governing Importation of Animals***  
***July 23, 2015 at 10 am***  
***Scott Leibsle, Facilitator***

Present: John Foster, Kestrel West; Kate Haas, Kestral West; Scott Leibsle, ISDA; Sean Costello, ISDA; Bill Barton, ISDA; Janis Perry, ISDA recording.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**WELCOME**

Dr. Scott Leibsle convened the meeting at 10:03 am.

He explained that ISDA is proposing changes to two rules that both deal with the same issue of Trichomoniasis testing in imported animals. The changes will harmonize regulations for mostwestern states.

Dr. Leibsle displayed the approved PARF on the screen. Then he reviewed the proposed text changes in each rule. In the Rules Governing Importation of Animals Section 260.01 bulls that have not serviced a female would be considered virgin if they are less than eighteen months of age (where previously twelve months). In Section 260.02 the Trich test validity on bulls will extend to sixty (rather than thirty) days. He explained that this would relax the requirements in the current rule and will affect bull sales.

The second rule is IDAPA 02.04.29 Rules Governing Trichomoniasis. Dr. Leibsle explained that there are currently two tests for Trich, a venereal disease found in cattle – culture and PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) that analyzes DNA. The proposed rule changes add PCR as a method that bulls can be tested for Trich in various sections of the rule. He added that not all western states permit the use culture as an official test method. As with the Rules Governing Importation of Animals, the rule change proposes that bulls that have never serviced a female may be considered a virgin up to eighteen (18) months and the testing will be valid for sixty (60) days.

In Section 310.01 Confirmatory Testing of Culture Positive Bulls and Sections 331.01 and 331.02 Official Trichomoniasis Tests, the requirement that the culture positive specimen must arrive at the lab within forty-eight (48) hours would be removed. This change was recommended by the ISDA Animal Health Lab because if the culture specimen is viable, the time before it reaches the lab does not seem to make a difference.

John and Kate expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn about the ISDA rulemaking process by attending this session. Dr. Leibsle thanked them for being present. He indicated that the rule text changes will be posted on the website, along with the rulemaking record.

Dr. Leibsle adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perry.