

Privacy Act Notice

Veterinary Services – Brucellosis Information System and Brucellosis Recording and Reporting System

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111, 112, 114, 114a-1, 115, 120, 121, 125, 134a-134f and title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51 and part 78.

Purpose and Routine Uses:

Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses:

- 1) Detecting the foci of infection to reduce the rate of spread of infection to new herds;
- 2) Evaluating brucellosis program activities of State, Federal, and contractual personnel;
- 3) Preparing mailing labels and preaddressed forms to enhance field activities;
- 4) Evaluating program effectiveness;
- 5) Detecting factors of epidemiologic importance in containing or eliminating foci of infected herds;
- 6) Assuring that brucellosis indemnities are promptly and properly paid;
- 7) Notification of livestock owners with the animals at high risk of exposure to brucellosis because of livestock movements or an outbreak of disease or presence of quarantined premises in a community;
- 8) Referral to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local, or foreign, charged with responsibility of investigating or prosecuting a violation of law concerning animal disease control and eradication, or of enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, of any record within this system when information available indicates a violation or potential violation of law concerning animal disease control and eradication, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and either arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by rule, regulation, or court order issued pursuant thereto;
- 9) Litigation by the Department of Justice when the agency, or any component thereof, or any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity, or any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee, or the United States, where the agency determines that litigation is likely to affect the agency or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is deemed by the agency to be relevant and necessary to the litigation; provided, however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records to the Department of Justice is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected;
- 10) Use in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body before which the agency is authorized to appear, when the agency, or any component thereof, or any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity, or any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee, or the United States, where the agency determines that litigation is likely to affect the agency or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the agency determines that use of such records is relevant and necessary to the litigation; provided, however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records to the court is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected; and
- 11) Response to a request from a congressional office from the record of an individual made at the request of that individual. To certain Federal and State animal health officials to conduct, analyze, and report on the progress of animal disease control or surveillance programs.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to furnish this information may impede brucellosis eradication activities.