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## NOTICE TO HERD OWNERS

Herd Owners (*Managers or Agents*) of herds of brucellosis affected livestock must be advised that information is given voluntarily to assist in the elimination of brucellosis from the livestock population. Cooperation of all affected herd owners (*Managers or Agents*) is needed to complete a thorough epidemiologic investigation to identify the source of the disease, the method of spread and the possible dissemination to new herds. The authorities under which the brucellosis program is conducted are contained in 21 U.S.C. 111, 112, 114, 114a, 114a-1, 115, 120, 121, 125, and 134a-f and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 51 and 78.

## INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this form is to record information of epidemiologic importance for each potentially brucella exposed animal removed from this herd. This information facilitates tracing of each animal for retesting or for verification of slaughter.

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| 1-4.        | From 4-108. Item 2 is the preprinted number on the 4-108.  | 6-H. | Indicate the specific breed. If nondescript, indicate the breed that the animal most appears to represent. For lots, enter the predominant breed or record as mixed beef, etc.   |
| 5.          | Indicate which page of 4-108B this is and how many total pages were completed.   | 6-I. | Record the vaccination status as "CV," "AV," "NV" ( <i>not vaccinated</i> ), or "UN" ( <i>unknown</i> ) and list the vaccination tattoo, if applicable.  |
| 6.          | List each animal ( <i>except steers or reactors</i> ) removed from the herd for any reason since it became infected ( <i>if this date can be established</i> ) or otherwise for the 2-year period prior to discovery of infection. | 6-J. | Indicate disposition of animals by recording "S" for slaughter, "F" for feedlots, veal feeding, dairy heifer lot, etc., and "H" for herd replacement.  |
| 6-A.        | Record the full legal name and mailing address of the recipient of each animal. Each animal should be listed individually if individual identification is available; otherwise they may be listed by transaction lots.             | 6-K. | Indicate the status of the tracing on each animal by 1 ( <i>slaughter verified</i> ), 2 ( <i>located and retested</i> ), 3 ( <i>located but not tested</i> ), 4 ( <i>recipient state notified</i> ), or 5 ( <i>not verified</i> ). |
| 6-B.        | Record the date this herd owner gave up control of the animals.  | 6-L. | Record the stage of pregnancy and other pertinent information as of the time of sale. Also list the buyer if different than that given in A.   |
| 6-C.        | Indicate the number of animals involved with each transaction.   | 6-M. | List status of animal when it left the herd or first point of concentration.   |
| 6-D. and E. | Record all available identification at time of sale ( <i>removal from premises</i> ) for each animal including eartags, salestags, backtags, bangle tags, brands, identification tattoos, and registration numbers.                | 7.   | Indicate if arrangements have been made to contact everyone that received animals from this herd.  |
| 6-F.        | Enter F ( <i>female</i> ) or M ( <i>male</i> ). If a lot, indicate the number of each.   | 8-9. | Self-explanatory.  |
| 6-G.        | Age at time of removal from herd. If a lot, indicate the average or predominant age.   |      |  |

**Submit copies of any documents that may help trace the animals such as invoices, brand inspection, cancelled checks, etc.**

## 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.

Form Copy Designations

PART 1-HERD FILE

PART 2-CATTLE DISEASES STAFF,  
RIVERDALE, MD (Free Areas only)

PART 3-STATION EPIDEMIOLOGIST

PART 4- STATE OR FEDERAL FIELD  
VETERINARIAN