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DATE:

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TO:

Persons Involved With Livestock Exhibits at Washington Fairs

FROM:

Dr. Leonard E. Eldridge, State Veterinarian

RE:

POLICY - ALLOWING ENTRY OF NON-VACCINATED CANADIAN CATTLE

BEING EXHIBITED AT WASHINGTON FAIRS

Our minimum animal health requirements on non-vaccinated Canadian cattle for county, district and state fairs are as follows:

"Out-of-state animal entries must comply with Washington State import requirements."

Our policy will be to allow non-vaccinated Canadian cattle entry to the fair and return to Canada provided the fair board rules allow non-vaccinates to be exhibited. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, an entry permit number, a negative Tuberculosis test within 60 days of shipment and a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of shipment are required.

If the cattle remain in the state, they must meet Washington Brucellosis vaccination and brand program requirements. They will be CAN branded by a representative of the Animal Services Division.