

criteria for designation as an accredited-free State.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on June 1, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective June 1, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on June 5, 1998 (63 FR 30582-30583, Docket No. 97-063-2), we amended the tuberculosis regulations in 9 CFR part 77 by removing Hawaii from the list of accredited-free (suspended) States in § 77.1 and adding it to the list of accredited-free States in that section.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before August 4, 1998. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 77

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Tuberculosis.

PART 77—TUBERCULOSIS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR part 77 and that was published at 63 FR 30582-30583 on June 5, 1998.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111, 114, 114a, 115-117, 120, 121, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of September 1998.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 78

[Docket No. 98-061-2]

Validated Brucellosis-Free States; Oklahoma

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the brucellosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of swine by adding Oklahoma to the list of validated brucellosis-free States. We have determined that Oklahoma meets the criteria for classification as a validated brucellosis-free State. The interim rule relieved certain restrictions on the interstate movement of breeding swine from Oklahoma.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on June 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Arnold Taft, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-4916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective and published in the **Federal Register** on June 24, 1998 (63 FR 34266-34267, Docket No. 98-061-1), we amended the brucellosis regulations in 9 CFR part 78 by adding Oklahoma to the list of validated brucellosis-free States in § 78.43.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before August 24, 1998. We did not receive any comments. Therefore, for the reasons given in the interim rule, we are adopting the interim rule as a final rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 78

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Hogs, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

PART 78—BRUCELLOSIS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR part 78 and that was published at 63 FR 34266-34267 on June 24, 1998.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111-114a-1, 114g, 115, 117, 120, 121, 123-126, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 78

[Docket No. 98-068-2]

Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Louisiana

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the brucellosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of cattle by changing the classification of Louisiana from Class Free to Class A. We have determined that Louisiana no longer meets the standards for Class Free status. The interim rule was necessary to impose certain restrictions on the interstate movement of cattle from Louisiana.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule was effective on June 16, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective on June 16, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on June 24, 1998 (63 FR 34264-34266, Docket No. 98-068-1), we amended the brucellosis regulations in 9 CFR part 78 by removing Louisiana from the list of Class Free States in § 78.41(a) and adding it to the list of Class A States in § 78.41(b).

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before