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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to exempt low risk cattle shipments from having to record official identification (ID) on official movement documents. Cattle eligible for this exemption must have official identification and ownership documented with the owner's brands and brand inspection. As other forms of identification and ID collection become available, allowing capture at the speed of commerce, it is expected that the need for this agreement will be reconsidered.

This MOA is a reciprocal agreement between these two states to allow brands and brand certificates to be used in lieu of official ID strictly for purposes of recording ID on the Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) or other approved movement document.

9 CFR 86.4(b)(1)(i)(D) states the following regarding official identification:

> (b) Official identification requirements for interstate movement
> (1) Cattle and bison.
> (i) All cattle and bison listed in paragraphs (b)(1)(iii)(A) through (b)(1)(iii)(D) of this section must be officially identified prior to the interstate movement, using an official identification device or method listed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section unless…
> (D) The cattle and bison are moved between shipping and receiving States or Tribes with another form of identification, as agreed upon by animal health officials in the shipping and receiving States or Tribes.

9 CFR 86.4(a)(1)(ii) states the following regarding brands as official identification:

> Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving state or tribal animal health authorities.

Therefore, the respective states agree as follows:

- Any sexually intact beef cattle over eighteen (18) months of age that have not been assembled within the past 60 days or used or comingled with rodeo cattle or moved for exhibition, that are identified with official identification <u>and</u> with brands registered to the owner of the cattle by the recognized brand inspection authority of the shipping state and accompanied by a brand inspection issued by the same authority are permitted movement between the two states with the brand inspection used in lieu of listing the official identification numbers on the movement document.

- In no way does the agreement waive any requirements for the following: an ICVI or other movement document, permit numbers, veterinary/owner statements, vaccinations, or negative test results. Nor does it waive the requirements for individual ID's listed on test charts when necessary.
- The issuing veterinarian shall affix the following statement on the ICVI or other movement document: "All Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) covered cattle in this shipment are individually official identified in addition to their brand records."

We, the undersigned State Veterinarians, hereby agree to the above conditions for beef cattle being imported into our respective state in compliance with the USDA/APHIS ADT rule. This agreement will be valid for two years from date of signature, unless either state terminates this agreement by written notice after fourteen (14) days of acknowledged receipt by the other state.

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