

Act 87 of 1963 (Code 2-33-101) and Act 150 of 1985 (Code 19-6-448)

Agency 125.00

FINAL RULE

**ARKANSAS REGULATION FOR
TRICHOMONIASIS TESTING AND MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE**

A. No bull that has tested positive for trichomoniasis shall be brought into this state for any purpose whatsoever.

B. No bull may be brought into this state without being accompanied by a negative test for trichomoniasis except for the following animals:

1. Exhibition and rodeo bulls that are temporarily in the state only for the purpose of the event and will be leaving the state after the event;
2. Bulls consigned to go directly to slaughter; and
3. Virgin bulls (under 24 months of age).

C. A bull that is brought into this state without being accompanied by a negative test for trichomoniasis shall not be comingled with any cow unless the bull is tested and found to be negative for trichomoniasis prior to comingling.

D. All bulls, except exhibition and rodeo bulls, brought into this state shall be identified by one or more of the following means prior to importation:

1. Brucellosis ear tag;
2. official 840 radio frequency identification device (RFID);
3. official 840 flap or bangle tag;
4. official individual animal breed registry brand;
5. official individual animal breed registry tattoo; or an
6. official state of origin trichomoniasis tag.

E. Virgin bulls, other than exhibition and rodeo bulls, brought into this state shall, in addition to any other required documentation, be accompanied by a certification of virgin status signed by the owner of the bull, or the owner's representative or a duly authorized veterinarian. The

certification shall include the bull's individual identification. If the owner seeking to import the virgin bull into this state acquired the bull from a breeder or another owner then a certification of virgin status signed by the breeder and each prior owner of the bull, or their representative must also accompany the bull.

F. The requirements for trichomoniasis testing shall be three separate culture tests, each conducted not less than one week apart, or one polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test no more than 30 days prior to entry of the bull into this state. All sample collections and inspection of bulls must be performed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. Testing for trichomoniasis must be performed at/by an accredited/approved laboratory.

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