



# Proposed Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Regulatory Framework Public Meeting



Stakeholder Presentation  
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# A Century of Progress

- USDA and the States have made great progress in lowering the prevalence of TB and brucellosis in the United States.
- While eradication of these diseases remains the goal, success is not just around the corner.
- New cases of TB and brucellosis affected herds...



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# The Need for Change

Challenges common to both the TB and brucellosis programs:

- Infected wildlife
- Changing agricultural practices
- Incomplete traceability
- Imperfect diagnostics
- Importation of infected cattle
- State/Tribal concerns and actions



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# More Challenges

- Inflexible, detailed requirements
- Process to implement changes
- Fiscal realities
- Funding



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# Listening to Stakeholders

- USAHA TB and brucellosis committees' resolutions
- International guidelines
- Public forums
- Public meetings
- Meeting on brucellosis with the Deputy Administrator, Agency representatives, the National Park Service, and representatives from Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming



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# Concept Papers

- VS produced two concept papers—one for TB and one for brucellosis.
- The papers included similar objectives for both programs.



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# Purpose of the Working Group

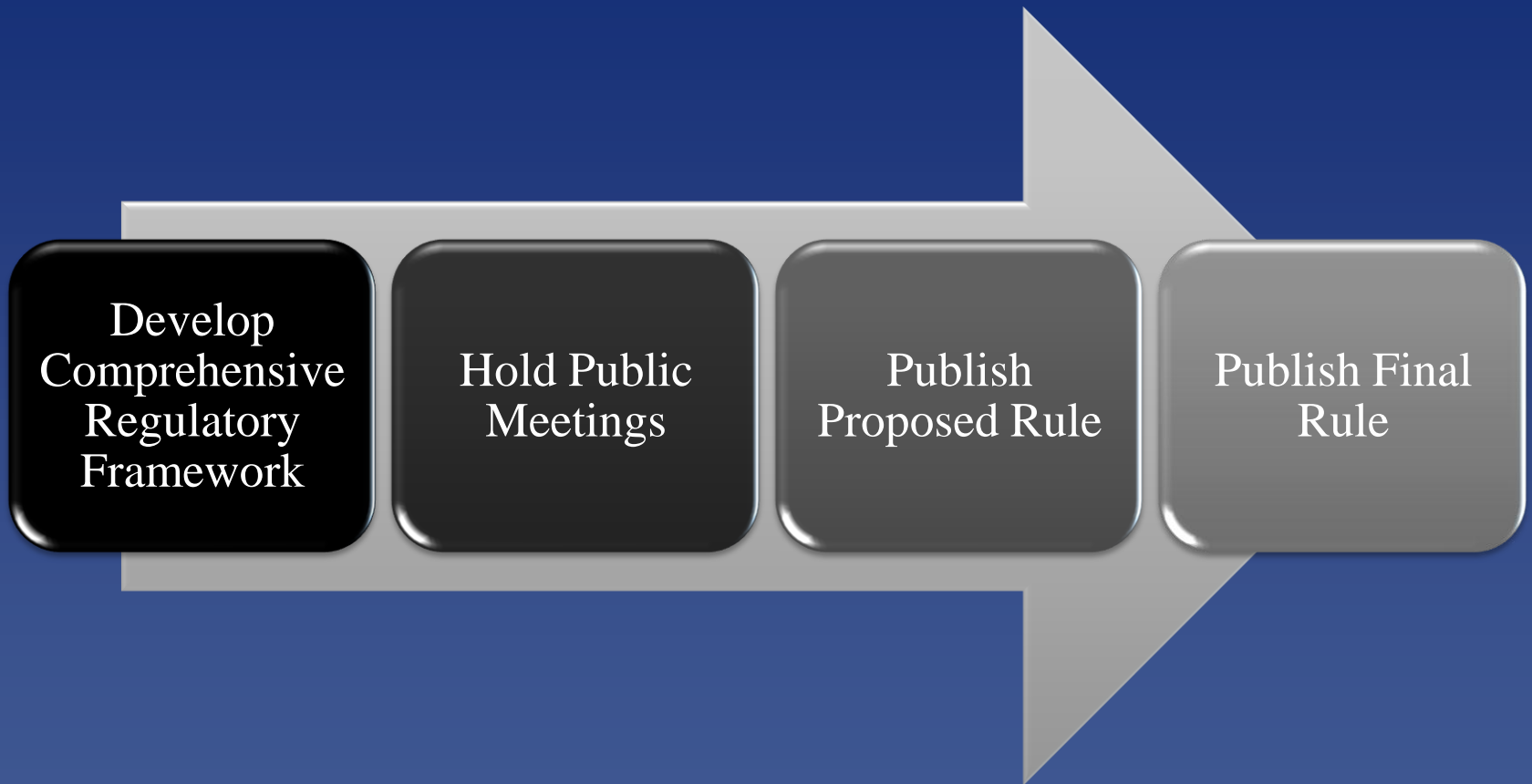
- Continuation of the effort to obtain feedback from stakeholders on a new regulatory framework
- A single working group to discuss overarching regulatory concepts for both programs
- Coordinated development effort



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# Charge and Deliverables







# Working Group Membership

- Not chartered as a Federal advisory committee
- Federal employees and representatives of State, Tribal, or local governments
- Approximately 20 members
  - State Animal Health Officials
  - State Wildlife Officials
  - Tribal Representatives
  - VS Regional or Area Representatives
  - Legislative and Public Affairs
  - Regulatory Analysis and Development



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# Principles of the New Framework

- Flexible, yet coordinated approach
- Overarching objectives:
  - Detect disease rapidly
  - Take actions to prevent further spread or importation
  - Eradicate the disease
  - Document disease status for domestic and international trading partners
  - Minimize impact on State/Tribe and industry



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# Elements of the New Framework

- Program (State) requirements
- Zoning
- Surveillance
- Affected herd management and epidemiological investigations
- Indemnity
- Interstate movement controls
- Importation requirements
- Approval procedures related to official tests and laboratories



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# Questions?



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