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Import Notice: Bovine Tuberculosis Requirements for Cattle from Mexico

The Veterinary Services (VS) bulletin Titled: “*Bovine Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Cattle Imported to the United States from Mexico*” is undergoing revision. However, APHIS would like to ensure all stakeholders are aware of the changes that have already been applied to import requirements for cattle into the US from Mexico as well as additional clarifications.

As of October 28, 2019, Veterinary Services (VS) re-classified the Mexican States of Sinaloa and Colima from their designation as accreditation preparatory (AP) to non-accredited (NA) status for bovine tuberculosis (TB). Cattle originating from these two States can only be imported into the United States for purposes of immediate slaughter.

As of October 30, 2019, the Jalisco municipality of Hostotipaquillo was removed from the Zacatecas-Jalisco AP zone and re-classified as NA.

VS is also correcting a previous oversight within the bulletin which excluded the “La Honda” area, which is NA status, within the municipality of Miguel Auza, which is AP status, in the Zacatecas/Jalisco region. The La Honda area consists of the following localities/communities of: Tierra Generosa, Miguel Alemán, Colonia 20 de Noviembre, Juan Salas, Manantial de la Honda, Delicias de López Velarde, Emilio Carranza, La Alborada, and José María Morelos.

Finally, APHIS is administratively combining two modified accredited (MA) zones in Puebla into a single MA zone, since they are geographically contiguous and the same status for bovine TB.

Additional Clarifications

Herd of origin: A herd of one or more sires, dams, and their offspring from which animals in a consignment presented for interstate (within Mexico) or international movement originate; the birth herd.

Note: Animals from a herd of origin located in an NA region or that have otherwise resided in an NA region, including animals from certified-free herds, are not eligible for export to the United States for any purpose other than immediate slaughter.

The current finalized bulletin and this import stakeholder notice will be posted on the [USDA APHIS Live Animal Imports website](#). If there are any questions, please call 301-851-3300 or email VS.Live.Animal.Import.Export@usda.gov