ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

Brucellosis Testing of Milk By Ring Test Method A.R.S. § 3-1772(B)

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1. ORDER

The Department shall not take action with respect to milk produced by cows or goats due to the milk not being tested for brucellosis by the ring test method at least once a month.

2. PURPOSE

A.R.S. § 3-1772(B) requires that the milk from cows or goats producing raw milk for sale to the ultimate consumer of raw milk or raw milk products for human consumption be tested for brucellosis by the ring test method at least once each month. For federal fiscal year 2013, the national rate of brucellosis affected cattle herds was 0.0001% and brucellosis has been eliminated in Arizona. Additionally, ring test method brucellosis testing has not been validated for goats, and there is no official brucellosis certification program in place for goats. Moreover, adult cows and goats are still blood tested for brucellosis annually.

3. AUTHORITY

A.R.S. § 3-1203.

General powers and duties; civil penalties.

A.R.S. § 3-1205.

Control of animal diseases; violation; classification.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective immediately and shall continue in effect until repealed, modified, or superseded.