

CHAPTER 165A

PARATUBERCULOSIS CONTROL

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165A.1 Definitions.

1. “*Concentration point*” means a location or facility where cattle are assembled for purposes of sale or resale for feeding, breeding, or slaughtering, and where contact may occur between groups of cattle from various sources. “*Concentration point*” includes a public stockyard, auction market, street market, state or federal market, untested consignment sales location, buying station, or a livestock dealer’s yard, truck, or facility.

2. “*Department*” means the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

3. “*Infected*” means infected with paratuberculosis as provided in section 165A.3.

4. “*Paratuberculosis*” means a disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*, and which is also referred to as Johne’s disease.

5. “*Separate and apart*” means to hold cattle so that neither the cattle nor organic material originating from the cattle has physical contact with other animals.

6. “*Slaughtering establishment*” means a slaughtering establishment operated under the provision of the federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. § 601 et seq., or a slaughtering establishment that has been inspected by the state.

2001 Acts, ch 101, §1

165A.2 Administration and enforcement.

The provisions of this chapter, including departmental rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, shall be administered and enforced by the department. The department may assess and collect civil penalties against persons in violation of this chapter as provided in section 165A.5. The attorney general may assist the department in the enforcement of this chapter.

2001 Acts, ch 101, §2

165A.3 Determination of infection.

The department shall adopt rules providing methods and procedures to determine whether cattle are infected, which may include detection and analysis of paratuberculosis using techniques approved by the United States department of agriculture.

2001 Acts, ch 101, §3

165A.4 Infected cattle.

The owner of infected cattle shall mark the cattle by punching the letter “C” through the right ears of the cattle as required by the department. A person shall not sell infected cattle other than directly to a slaughtering establishment, or to a concentration point for sale directly to a slaughtering establishment, for immediate slaughter. Cattle marked with a letter “C” that are kept at a concentration point shall be kept separate and apart.

2001 Acts, ch 101, §4; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §23

165A.5 Enforcement — penalty.

1. A person violating a provision of this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of at least one hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars. The proceeding to assess a civil penalty shall be conducted as a contested case proceeding under chapter 17A.

2. In addition to any other remedies provided, the department may file a petition in the district court seeking an injunction restraining any person from violating provisions of this chapter including a rule adopted pursuant to this chapter.

3. This section does not prevent a person from commencing a civil cause of action based on any right that the person may assert under statute or common law.

2001 Acts, ch 101, §5; 2001 Acts, ch 176, §62