

**163A.1 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

1. “*Accredited veterinarian*” means a veterinarian who is licensed by the state in which the veterinarian practices, is approved by the department of agriculture and land stewardship or the livestock sanitary authority of that state, and is accredited by the United States department of agriculture.

2. “*Brucellosis*” means the disease wherein an animal of the porcine species is infected with brucella microorganisms irrespective of the occurrence or absence of clinical symptoms of infectious abortion.

3. “*Brucellosis test*” means the test for brucellosis which is approved by the department and administered in accordance with the techniques approved by the department.

4. “*Certificate of veterinary inspection*” or “*certificate*” means the same as defined in section 163.2.

5. “*Infected animal*” or “*reactor*” means an animal which has given a positive reaction as determined by departmental standards to the brucellosis test.

6. “*Licensed veterinarian*” means a veterinarian licensed to practice in Iowa.

7. “*Negative animal*” means an animal which does not give a positive reaction to the brucellosis test.

8. “*Official brucellosis test report*” means a legible record made on an official form prescribed by the department.

9. a. “*Validated brucellosis-free herd*” means:

(1) A herd which has had at least one test made on all boars, sows and gilts over six months of age with no positive reactions; or

(2) A herd which has been tested pursuant to a test approved by rule of the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship pursuant to chapter 17A, which test is in compliance with the recommended uniform methods and rules of the animal and plant health inspection service of the United States department of agriculture.

b. The validation made pursuant to paragraph “a”, subparagraph (1), shall be in force and effect for one year from the date of the last test and shall be renewable on an annual basis by the completion of a single test on boars, sows and gilts over six months of age with no positive reactions. A validation made pursuant to paragraph “a”, subparagraph (2), shall be in force and effect and shall be renewable in the manner specified in the rule adopted by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

c. If the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship adopts a rule under paragraph “a”, subparagraph (2), and the recommended uniform methods and rules of the animal and plant health inspection service of the United States department of agriculture are subsequently changed, the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship shall not change its rule if the effect would be to make less restrictive the standards or procedures for validating a brucellosis-free herd.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §163A.1]

86 Acts, ch 1245, §614; 2000 Acts, ch 1058, §20; 2004 Acts, ch 1163, §16

[P] Further definitions; see §159.1