

CHAPTER 132

SCABIES CONTROL IN SHEEP

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AN ACT relating to scabies control in sheep and eradication with penalty provision.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Definitions.

2 1. "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state
3 of Iowa.

4 2. "Division" means the animal disease eradication division of the
5 agricultural research service of the United States department of agri-
6 culture.

7 3. "Scabies" means a communicable skin disease caused by infes-
8 tation with mites of the species psoroptes, sarcoptes, chorioptes or
9 psorergates.

10 4. "Infected animal" means an animal of the ovine species which
11 shows clinical evidence of scabies or in which the presence of the
12 scabies mite is demonstrated.

13 5. "Approved stockyard or livestock market" means any place where
14 sheep are assembled for public auction, private sale, or on a commission
15 basis which is under state or federal supervision.

16 6. "Dealer" means any person who is engaged in the business of
17 buying for resale, selling, or exchanging sheep as a principal or agent
18 or who holds himself out as so engaged but does not include employ-
19 ees of a dealer doing business in the name of such dealer or the owner
20 or operator of a farm who exchanges only sheep which have been kept
21 by him solely for feeding or breeding purposes and does not hold him-
22 self out as so engaged, or as a livestock auction market acting strictly
23 on a consignment basis.

24 7. "Accredited veterinarian" means a veterinarian who is licensed
25 by the state in which he practices, is approved by the department of
26 agriculture or the livestock sanitary authority of that state, and is
27 accredited by the United States department of agriculture.

28 8. "Official health certificate" means a legal record covering the
29 requirement of the state of Iowa and approved by the proper livestock
30 sanitary official of the state of origin and issued by an accredited
31 veterinarian.

32 9. "Certified scabies free area" means an area in which all sheep
33 have been inspected by a representative of the Iowa department of
34 agriculture or of the animal disease eradication division of the United
35 States department of agriculture and are found to be free of any evi-
36 dence of scabies and such fact is certified to by both agencies.

37 10. "Area" means one or more counties or portions thereof.

1 SEC. 2. Any person engaged as a dealer shall be required to obtain
2 a license from the department. The fee for such license shall be five
3 dollars (\$5.00) per year and all licenses shall expire on the first day of
4 July following date of issue. Licenses shall be numbered and the dealer
5 shall retain his number from year to year.

6 Applications for licenses shall be made upon blanks furnished by the
7 department.

8 For good and sufficient grounds the department may refuse to grant
9 a license to any applicant, and it may also revoke a license to any
10 applicant for a violation of any provision of this Act, or for the refusal
11 or failure of any licensee to obey the lawful directions of the depart-
12 ment.

1 SEC. 3. Any person engaging in, or holding himself out to be in,
2 the business of a dealer without obtaining a license may be restrained
3 by injunction, and shall pay all costs made necessary by such pro-
4 cedure.

1 SEC. 4. All breeding and feeding sheep offered for sale or exchange
2 or otherwise moved or released from any premises, vehicle or convey-
3 ance, shall, within ten (10) days prior to exchange, release, or move-
4 ment, be dipped in an approved dip under the supervision of the Iowa
5 department of agriculture or of the animal disease eradication division
6 of the United States department of agriculture; provided, that when
7 sheep are moved within or from a certified scabies free area in the
8 state accompanied by an official health certificate, dipping shall not be
9 required prior to such movement; and provided further, that sheep
10 may be moved from premises to an approved facility for the purpose
11 of dipping under such conditions as may be required by the rules of
12 the department, and also sheep moved to a livestock auction market
13 need not be dipped until after sale, nor if consigned directly for
14 slaughter.

1 SEC. 5. All sheep so dipped shall be accompanied by a certificate
2 showing that the sheep were dipped under supervision.

1 SEC. 6. Market operators and dealers in sheep shall use satisfac-
2 tory dipping facilities approved by the department and shall maintain
3 records which show the true origin of the sheep including name and
4 address of the seller or consignor, number, date of receipt, date of dip-
5 ping, and including all certificates, permits, waybills, bills of lading for
6 each consignment of sheep consigned to and leaving the market or
7 dealer's premises. All records shall be retained for a period of one (1)
8 year and made available upon demand by a representative of the de-
9 partment.

1 SEC. 7. Animals may be sold for slaughter without dipping. Sheep
2 when inspected at the market or dealer's premises and found free of
3 scabies or no known exposure thereto, may be sold for slaughter pur-
4 poses without dipping if consigned directly and immediately on a
5 slaughter affidavit to a slaughtering establishment operating under
6 federal, state or municipal meat inspection service. Such sheep shall
7 be identified with the letter "K" in red branding paint at least four
8 (4) inches high on their back except those consigned to such slaugh-
9 tering establishment by the original owner.

1 SEC. 8. Sheep found to be infected with or exposed to scabies shall
2 be immediately dipped, as directed by and under the supervision of the
3 department, at owner's expense. Such sheep shall remain under quar-

4 antine until released by the department, except that sheep infected
5 with or exposed to scabies may be moved, without dipping, directly to
6 a slaughter establishment under federal inspection, under permit from
7 the department. No sheep shall be moved into or within the state of
8 Iowa for any purpose except as provided in this chapter and the regu-
9 lations of the department, provided sheep may be moved without dip-
10 ping between properties owned or rented by the owner of said sheep,
11 if not moved from a noncertified scabies free area to a certified scabies
12 free area.

13 Any person may sell or exchange sheep on the farm between Novem-
14 ber 1 and April 1 without dipping if accompanied by a certificate from
15 a licensed veterinarian that they are free from scabies issued within
16 ten (10) days prior to such sale or exchange until such time as the
17 county is declared a scabies free area.

1 SEC. 9. When all flocks of sheep within a county have been in-
2 spected by a representative of the department and are found to be free
3 of scabies, the department may certify the county as a "scabies free
4 area".

1 SEC. 10. Sheep from noncertified scabies free areas within Iowa
2 shall not enter certified scabies free areas unless they have been dipped
3 in an approved dip under supervision within ten (10) days preceding
4 movement and satisfactory evidence of dipping accompanies the ship-
5 ment, except such sheep may move into certified scabies free areas if
6 consigned directly to a stockyard market, auction market or slaughter
7 establishment, under federal inspection, provided the sheep are accom-
8 panied by a certificate stating number, description, consignor and con-
9 signee.

1 SEC. 11. All sheep entering the state for breeding or feeding pur-
2 poses shall be accompanied by a permit and by a health certificate
3 stating the sheep are from a certified scabies free area or if not from
4 a certified scabies free area that they have been dipped in an approved
5 dip within ten (10) days prior to movement. All livestock markets,
6 dealers and individuals shall retain all incoming waybills, permits and
7 health certificates for a period of one (1) year, same to be made avail-
8 able upon demand by the department.

1 SEC. 12. All persons engaged in the shearing of sheep shall immedi-
2 ately report any suspicion of or evidence of scabies to the department.

1 SEC. 13. The department is empowered to make and promulgate
2 rules and regulations necessary for carrying out the provisions of this
3 Act.

1 SEC. 14. Any person, firm or partnership or corporation violating
2 the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction thereof be fined
3 not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not to exceed five
4 hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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