

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH


In the Matter of Proposed
Amendment to 3MCAR § 2.015
Control and Eradication of Paratuberculosis (Johne's Disease)

STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

The rule needs to be amended to permit accredited veterinarians licensed in Minnesota the use of Johnin so they can test cattle for paratuberculosis by the intradermal and intravenous methods. Large numbers of cattle from the United States are shipped internationally. A negative intradermal test for paratuberculosis is frequently required by the country receiving the cattle. This large-volume testing is difficult to accomplish by the limited numbers of federal and state employed veterinarians. The cattle will be prepared for these international shipments more promptly and efficiently if the accredited veterinarian is permitted to use Johnin.

The proposed amendment will have no adverse effect on the control and eradication of paratuberculosis. The State of Minnesota will save money as the tests required for international shipments will be made at the shipper's expense. State and federal employed veterinarians will be more available for other disease eradication activities when these exportation paratuberculosis tests are made by private veterinarians.

Adoption and need for the amendment falls within the authority of Minnesota Statute § 35.03 (1980).



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