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STATE OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

In the Matter of Proposed Amendment to 3 MCAR S 2.044 The Establishment and Operation of Public Stockyards.

STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

The rule needs to be amended to remove the requirement for a negative intradermal tuberculin test for cattle entering Minnesota. This will lower the cost of the tests made to qualify cattle for importation into Minnesota. Tuberculin testing prior to interstate transportation can no longer be justified as a cost effective disease control procedure. Present low level of tuberculosis in cattle and more effective control methods have eliminated the need for pre-movement tuberculin tests.

Amendment to this rule and the need for this amendment is within the authority of MS § 35.03(1982).

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Secretary and Executive Officer