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New Import Trichomoniasis Rule Summary

The revised [5C-3](#) F.A.C. (Importation of Animals) became rule on August 20, 2019. In order to notify stakeholders of this new regulation, the Division of Animal Industry is providing outreach information to producers. Enforcement of the new trichomoniasis testing requirements began on January 1, 2020.

All bulls 18 months of age or older, and any non-virgin bulls (regardless of age) entering Florida must have proof of a negative trichomoniasis test within 60 days prior to the date of entry. Each bull must be officially identified as noted on the documentation.

- Exceptions:
 - Bulls consigned directly to a USDA Recognized Slaughter Establishment
 - Bulls traveling directly to a USDA Approved Livestock Facility (Market) to be consigned directly to slaughter.
 - Bulls entering for rodeo exhibition and not commingling with other cattle
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Trichomoniasis Test Requirements for Bulls Moving Interstate to Florida Approved Livestock Facilities (Markets)

- All bulls 18 months of age or older, and any non-virgin bulls (regardless of age) entering Florida for consignment to an Approved Livestock Facility (Market) without Negative Approved Trichomoniasis Test MUST:
 - Be visibly identified as selling for slaughter only
 - Be announced during the sale as selling for slaughter only
 - Move directly from Approved Livestock Facility to Recognized Slaughter Establishment
- Approved Livestock Facilities shall maintain a list of all Trichomoniasis test eligible bulls which arrive at an Approved Livestock facility from another state.
 - List must include Trichomoniasis test status
 - Negative (Resulted as “Not Detected”)
 - Positive (Resulted as “Detected”)
 - No test provided
 - A copy of all negative Trichomoniasis Test reports must be:
 - Made available to FDACS personnel for verification on the day of sale
 - Provided to purchaser after sale, if requested

- Approved Trichomoniasis Test
 - Test must be performed within 60 days prior to importation
 - Test must be collected by Accredited Veterinarian
 - Test must be completed at AAVLD Accredited Laboratory
 - PCR test
 - Resulted as “NOT DETECTED”
 - Bull must be officially identified, and laboratory record must include official ID

Background:

The Department of Agriculture promulgated this rule at the request of representatives from the cattle industry. The justification is to help insure that bulls being sold to Florida producers are free from Trichomoniasis. Excerpt from Florida Administrative Code Paragraph 5C-3.004(3)