

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

**TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
FOOD, AND FORESTRY  
CHAPTER 15. ANIMAL INDUSTRY**

**(A) PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

These rules provide new tuberculosis requirements for rodeo bulls used for exhibition purposes in the state, and provide entry requirements for Mexican origin steers and spayed heifers. New rules for brucellosis requirements of rodeo bulls were previously approved by the Board. Tuberculosis positives in rodeo stock have recently occurred in several states. During those investigations, it was discovered that Mexican cattle have entered Oklahoma illegally. These rules clarify the tuberculosis entry requirements and help ensure that Oklahoma keeps its tuberculosis free status. These rules were originally approved as emergency rules.

**(B) CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:**

These rules primarily affect persons who import rodeo bulls or Mexican origin steers or spayed heifers into the state. The agency has not received any information on cost impacts from any private or public entities.

**(C) PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:**

Beef and dairy producers and those involved in the production of rodeo stock in the state of Oklahoma will benefit from the proposed rule due to the additional protections provided by this rule.

**(D) DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:**

The probable impact of the proposed rules is individuals who import rodeo bulls or Mexican origin steers or spayed heifers will be required to provide appropriate tuberculosis testing information prior to importing the animals into Oklahoma.

**(E) PROBABLE COST AND BENEFITS TO AGENCY; SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No additional cost to the agency is anticipated.

**(F) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by these rules.

**(G) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:**

Any adverse effect these rules might have on small business is outweighed by the benefits provided to Oklahoma cattle producers.

(H) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No less costly or non-regulatory method will provide adequate protection for the state of Oklahoma.

(I) **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

No adverse effect upon the public health, safety, or the environment will occur through the implementation of these rules. Because tuberculosis can be zoonotic in certain cases, these rules assist in protecting the public health.

(J) **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

No detrimental effect on public health, safety or the environment is anticipated by the adoption of these rules.

(K) **DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:**

November 6, 2007