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To: Arkansas Licensed and Accredited Veterinarians

From: Brandon Doss, DVM
State Veterinarian

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Doss'.

RE: Official Identification Requirements for Brucellosis, testing and Pseudorabies Virus testing

Swine Brucellosis, Pseudorabies Virus, and Bovine Brucellosis are cooperative surveillance and management programs between USDA APHIS VS and Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. To comply with current applicable regulations and to ensure that tests for these diseases are valid official tests, all animals sampled/tested for these diseases must have official identification applied and recorded on the test chart. Effective March 1, 2017, test charts and samples submitted without official identification will no longer be recognized as official tests and will not be processed by the laboratory. A list of official identification by species is provided below. **In regards to Swine, ear notches are not acceptable official identification in Arkansas.**

Bovine Official Identification – Official ear tag (i.e. Vaccination, NUES, 840) or registration tattoos accompanied by the breed registration certificate

Swine Official Identification – Official ear tags (i.e. NUES or 840)

Caprine/Ovine Identification – Official ID tags (i.e. Scrapie or 840 tags) or registration tattoos accompanied by the registration certificate.

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