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Current with laws through L.2024, c. 16 and J.R. No. 1.

N.J. Stat. § 4:5-31. Marking affected animals.

Any bovine animal affected with advanced or generalized tuberculosis or with tuberculosis of the udder or which has reacted to the tuberculin test shall be plainly and permanently marked by any member or duly authorized agent or representative of the department, and such marking shall not be construed as cruelty to animals within the meaning of any law of this state.

N.J. Stat. § 4:5-32. Issuance of certificate for healthy cattle.

Whenever the department has made or caused to be made an examination of cattle within this state, and shall have ascertained them to be sound and in good health, the department shall, upon request of the owner, give to him a certificate in writing, signed by the secretary of agriculture, certifying to the fact of the examination and of the good health and condition of the animal or herd.

N.J. Stat. § 4:5-43. Interference with test or mark of identification.

No person shall treat any cattle with a material or substance for the purpose of interfering with a tuberculin test or with a reaction to a tuberculin test, or shall interfere in any way with a representative of the department who is making or assisting with a tuberculin test or shall alter or change an ear tag or other mark of identification for the purpose of concealing the identity of any cattle or shall otherwise attempt to interfere with the identification of any cattle.



N.J. Stat. § 4:5-49. Marking cattle passing test or declared suspicious.

All cattle passing or declared suspicious as the result of an official or private tuberculin test shall be marked for identification by an approved metal ear tag furnished by the department or designated by the department and furnished by the owner, except pure bred which may be reported for identification by registration name and number, tattoo or chain lock number. No two animals in one lot shall bear the same number.

N.J. Stat. § 4:5-50. Marking condemned cattle.

All cattle condemned as a result of an official or private tuberculin test shall be plainly and permanently marked for identification by a representative of the department or the individual making or assisting with the test in a manner acceptable to or authorized by the department.

The marking of cattle for identification as provided for in this article, shall not be construed as cruelty to animals within the meaning of any laws of this state.

N.J. Stat. § 4:5-61. Tagging or marking cattle imported.

All cattle imported into this State, except those imported from areas designated by the board as provided in section 4:5-54 of this Title, and except those imported for immediate slaughter as specified in section 4:5-69 of this Title, shall bear a tag number or other mark of identification to be furnished or designated by the department. No two or more of such tags or marks used in the same shipment shall bear the same number.

N.J. Stat. § 4:5-93.29. Marking tested or treated stock.

All live stock subjected to an official or private test for brucellosis and all animals vaccinated or otherwise treated under a program under the supervision of the department shall be marked as prescribed by the board.

Such markings shall not be construed as cruelty to animals within the meaning of any law of this State.

N.J. Stat. § 4:5-93.30. Interference with test or treatment or mark.

No person shall treat any live stock with a material or substance for the purpose of interfering with a test for brucellosis or causing or preventing a reaction to such test, or shall interfere in any way with a representative of the department who is making or assisting with a test for brucellosis or shall alter or change any mark of identification for the purpose of misrepresenting the true identity of any live stock or shall otherwise attempt to interfere with the identification of any live stock.

