TITLE 3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE BOVINE TRICHOMONOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM

15-DAY NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the requirements Government Code section 11346.8 (c) and section 44 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Department of Food and Agriculture, Animal Health and Food Safety Services, Animal Health Branch (Branch) is providing notice of changes made to proposed regulations sections 820, 820.4, 831, 831.4, and 839 in Chapter 2, (Livestock Disease Control), Division 2 (Animal Industry) of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations. The text of the regulations and proposed modifications are attached to this notice.

This Notice along with the proposed modifications to the proposed text are available for public comment.

The Branch will accept written comments on the proposed changes between **October 23**, **2023** and **November 7**, **2023**.

Submit comments to:

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Proposed Text changes are as follows:

In section 820(a)(2), "non-virgin bulls less than 18 months of age and bulls 18 months of age and over" was added to the definition of bull slaughter agreement to provide clarity to what bulls a bull slaughter agreement applies to. For grammatical purposes, "and has" and "been" were removed and replaced with "that have".

In section 820(a)(21) approval requires that District staff visit to confirm that the site meets these requirements was added to clarify how a feeding facility could obtain approval from

the Department to be confirmed as a Trichomonosis approved facility.

In sections 820.4(c)(1)(E)2.i and proposed 820.4(c)(1)(E)2.ii are being combined to provide clarity to the two options available to bulls that fall under a bull slaughter agreement. This section is also reverting back to the use of bulls to avoid any misconception that this section applies to any other bulls other than those that are eligible for testing under the bull slaughter agreement.

In modified section 820.4(c)(1)(E)2.ii that was previously proposed to be numbered section iii, and are not allowed to be resold to another feeding facility is being added to clarify that resold bulls can only go direct to slaughter.

In section 820.4(c)(1)(E)2.iv the section is being removed and requires re-numbering of each following section.

The inclusion of a proposed text change to section 839 is being added to include the violation description change being modified on the previously Noticed amendment to section 831(b)(3) to remove the word "dairy".

The previously Noticed proposed text changes to section 831(b)(3) included a 14-day calendar window. The 14-day calendar window is considered a reasonable time given if an owner or producer were traveling out of state for a show to get to the destination state, attend the event, then return. This 14-day window limits the time an animal could travel thereby decreasing the chances of being exposed to contagious livestock diseases.

In section 831.4 the reference section 10512 was removed due to an error in citing.

Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found by accessing the following Internet address: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/regulations.html

*Please note: All written comments are to be restricted to the recent modifications as shown in the attached regulatory text or this Notice. The Department is not required to respond to comments received in response to this notice or on other aspects of the proposed regulation. All written comments received by **November 7, 2023**, which pertain to the indicated changes, will be reviewed and responded to by the Department as part of the compilation of the rulemaking file.