



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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To: All Dairy Producers

**Subject: Official Identification Requirements for Dairy Cattle Moving Within California**

Effective April 1, 2017, the law requires official identification for the following dairy cattle **moving within** California.

- Dairy cattle born in California after January 1, 2017, prior to leaving their birth premises
- Dairy cattle on change of ownership
- Exceptions: <http://goo.gl/Ngp92t>.

Dairy cattle must not move or change ownership unless they meet these official identification requirements. **Persons found to be in violation of one or both of these requirements will be issued a Notice of Violation.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Kent Fowler  
Animal Health Branch, Chief

cc: Dr. Annette Jones, California State Veterinarian and Director  
Dr. Anita Edmondson, Supervising Veterinarian

