



Proposed Changes to California's Trichomonosis Program

1. Require a negative trichomonosis test on **ALL** bulls ≥ 18 months of age AND all non-virgin bulls < 18 months of age within 60 days prior to:
 - **Entering California.**
 - **Changing ownership** in California.
 Bulls are exempt from this test when they are:
 - i. Moving directly to a recognized slaughter establishment.
 - ii. Moving to a feedlot for feeding (with no grazing or exposure to female cattle) and subsequent movement to a recognized slaughtering establishment.
 - iii. Moving for exhibition only.
 - iv. Moving for artificial insemination only.
 - v. Moving with a signed bull slaughter agreement.
 - vi. Returning to California (without changing ownership) having been confined in pens (no contact with female cattle) and within 12 months of a negative test to leave the state.
 - vii. Moving through no more than one Approved Livestock Marketing Facility then directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment.

NOTE: Bulls may move interstate on a pasture-to-pasture permit with a negative trichomonosis test within the previous 12 months.
2. Add regulations for a written "**Bull Slaughter Agreement**" exempting bulls from a negative trichomonosis test at change of ownership with the following requirements:
 - Bulls must move directly to the buyer's facility and cannot be resold.
 - Bulls must be slaughtered within seven days after purchase.
 - Bulls must not be in contact with cattle not moving to slaughter.
 - Bulls can move with a backtag as identification.
 - Records must be kept by seller, buyer, and agent for five years.

The agreement is good for 12 months from the date of signature for the owner/premises.
3. Require **official individual identification (ID)** on all bulls ≥ 18 months of age **changing ownership in California** except those moving:
 - i. To a recognized slaughter facility.
 - ii. On a Bull Slaughter Agreement.
 - iii. Moving through no more than one Approved Livestock Marketing Facility then directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment.
4. Add a requirement for bulls to be identified with a "**Trichomonosis approved eartag**" when they are trichomonosis tested:
 - Trichomonosis tested bulls will require both official individual ID **AND** a trichomonosis tag.
 - The trichomonosis tag will be color coded and on the same yearly schedule as used in neighboring states (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
5. Require a "**DNA detection or amplification-based trichomonosis test**" (e.g. PCR) for bulls:
 - i. Entering California.
 - ii. Sold in California.
 - iii. In pasture-to-pasture herds.
 - iv. In affected herds.
 - v. In exposed herds.
6. Allow the **culture test to screen bulls** for trichomonosis:
 - i. In herds screening for infection.
 - ii. In Certified Semen Services facilities.
7. Require a **second DNA-based test** for bulls:
 - i. In herds that have been infected twice within the prior 24 months.
 - ii. Entering California from a herd diagnosed with trichomonosis in last 24 months.
8. Require trichomonosis approved veterinarians to renew their training every two years.
9. Require signage at saleyard: "*Non-virgin bulls less than 18 months of age and all bulls 18 months of age and over sold for breeding must have a negative trichomonosis test or be consigned as slaughter only.*"
 
10. Add an option to trichomonosis test bulls at the point of sale when the seller, buyer and saleyard agree.
11. Simplify the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection statement for imported bulls to: "*Trichomonosis has not been diagnosed in the herd of origin within the past 24 months.*"

The complete regulation can be found at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Regulations.html>