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Bill No. 297-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT AMEND §1105 OF TITLE 9 GAR RELATIVE TO THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. §1105 of Title 9 GAR is hereby amended to read as follows:

§1105. Importation of Cattle. (a) Requirements Governing Entry. No cattle shall be permitted entry into the territory of Guam unless the same have complied with requirements generally applicable to the introduction of all classes, types or species of animals into the territory of Guam and with each of the following additional requirements:

- (1) They shall have been tested by a qualified veterinarian and found to be free from tuberculosis within thirty (30) days prior to shipment; provided, however, dairy cattle shall additionally originate in a herd or herds, that are not under quarantine for tuberculosis;
- (2) (a) They shall have been tested by a qualified veterinarian and found to be free of brucellosis by a serum agglutination test performed in an official laboratory within thirty (30) days prior to shipment; provided, however, that heifers and bulls under thirty (30) months of age that have been vaccinated by a qualified veterinarian with a standard dose of United States Department of Agriculture approved Brucella Vaccine under an official state or federal plan

that provides for official identification of the animal and the recording of the vaccination at the time of vaccination may be admitted to the Territory without the agglutination test requirement; <u>or</u>

- (b) The brucellosis card test, on a negative test result, will also be acceptable as an official screening test for bovine brucellosis for entry into the Territory of Guam. The test shall be conducted by a Category II accredited veterinarian or a veterinarian authorized by the USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services Area Veterinarian in Charge for the Pacific U.S. Territories and Commonwealth, and could be performed in the field and not necessarily in a Federally-approved diagnostic laboratory.
- (3) They shall have been tested by a qualified veterinarian and found to be free of anaplasmosis by a complement fixation test (or other test approved by the Territorial Veterinarian) performed in a state or federal laboratory within thirty (30) days prior to shipment; provided, however, that cattle originating in herds declared free of anaplasmosis under a federal state program for the control and eradication of anaplasmosis may be exempted by the Territorial Veterinarian from the preshipment anaplasmosis test requirement;
 - (4) (3) They shall be accompanied by a certificate or certificates issued or approved by a veterinary officer of the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Division or by the State Veterinarian for the state of origin, attesting that the above requirements have been fulfilled. Said certificate shall give a description of each animal (ear tag numbers or other marks of identification) and shall certify that the animals described therein are free from contagious and communicable disease;
 - (5) (4) They shall be entered through the Commercial Port of Guam or any other Territorial Port, where adequate animal quarantine station facilities,

including the owner's or importer's cattle facilities are established and approved by the Department and quarantined in such quarantine stations not to exceed thirty (30) days to be tested for tuberculosis and such other communicable diseases as the Territorial Veterinarian may deem necessary. Anaplasmosis testing shall be exempted. While in quarantine they shall be sprayed or dipped with an approved insecticide. Such animals shall not be released from quarantine until the Territorial Veterinarian is satisfied that the same are free from tuberculosis or any other communicable disease or parasite. All expenses in connection with the examination, testing, treating or destruction and disposal of cattle while in quarantine shall be borne by the owner, importer or consignee.