

## UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2005

**RESOLUTION:** 7 APPROVED

**SOURCE:** COMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

**SUBJECT MATTER:** MODIFICATION OF THE PREMISES REGISTRATION SYSTEMS – DATA ELEMENT STANDARDS

**DATES:** Hershey, Pennsylvania – November 3-9, 2005

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) provides species information to animal health authorities to successfully conduct animal disease investigations. While most premises systems provide for the collection of species information, "species" is not a required data field in most of the premises registration systems.

The dairy industry has formed an alliance known as IDAIRY that provides a focus for six of the nation's major dairy industry groups to encourage all dairy producers to register their premises voluntarily under the NAIS. In order to measure progress in meeting this goal in each state, IDAIRY needs to be able to determine how many dairy premises have been registered under NAIS in comparison to the number of dairy facilities that are currently permitted to ship either Grade A or manufacturing grade milk in each respective state. This is not currently possible when all cattle premises, including bison, are lumped together under one premises data element.

From an animal health standpoint, a breakout of species by premises as well as beef, dairy and bison would afford animal health authorities the opportunity to more readily identify disease events that are unique to each of these respective categories of livestock.

### **RESOLUTION:**

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) encourages the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to modify the current data fields specified under the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Premises Registration System Data Element Standards to require the reporting of species managed at the premises and, more especially, break out beef, dairy and bison premises, respectively.

### **RESPONSE:**

#### **ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, VETERINARY SERVICES (APHIS-VS)**

The data standards developed through the working groups of the U.S. Animal Identification Program are proving to be well defined. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) realizes that additional data fields will need to be defined over time. USDA is receptive to updating the standards and acknowledges such revisions will need thorough review. If revisions are implemented, they must be clearly communicated to ensure changes are uniformly implemented in all systems affected by the change.

Procedures to update data standards will be redefined so this request for additional data standards can appropriately and successfully be addressed and implemented in a timely manner.