

United States Animal Health Association – 2004

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 28 **APPROVED**

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

SUBJECT MATTER: WEB BASED INTERSTATE CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Electronic Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) were developed from the 2001 resolution wherein the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requested that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) provide a web based electronic certificate of veterinary inspection that utilizes a USDA web-based computer database to document intrastate, interstate and international movement of livestock and poultry.

An electronic ICVI would comply with the Government Paper Elimination Act (GPEA) 2003 initiative focused on federal forms.

The USAHA resolution was also supported by the National Institute of Animal Agriculture (NIAA) Resolution 25, Animal Health - Int'l Trade, 2002.

Since its inception in 2003, the ICVI has proven to be a successful application and provides a substantial role in safeguarding animal health as a major component to the National Animal Identification System related to premises identification, animal identification and disease risk management.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) recommends that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) should commit to bring all 50 states onto electronic Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) and provides the necessary support within the next 18-24 months. In addition, ICVI should be referenced through the Code of Federal Regulations.

RESPONSE:

The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) is currently implementing an electronic method of creating an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) that is consistent with other VS electronic processes supporting the importation and exportation of livestock and poultry. The implementation of this electronic certificate requires outreach to and training of State veterinarians and accredited veterinarians in all 50 states, necessitating the need for additional funding in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 to assure its success. The electronic ICVI is being integrated with other VS related functions where we are dependent on automated interaction with our State and private collaborators to simplify their interaction with the USDA and in accordance with USDA recommendations. This integrated system also meets the strict information security requirements and software standards and processes recently promulgated by the Office of Management and Budget. At this time, APHIS is reluctant to reference a software application through the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR). However, when the CFR is updated to address other components of the National Animal Identification System, we will include a preference for receiving interstate livestock movement information electronically.