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SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON CAPTIVE WILDLIFE AND

ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK

COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE DISEASES

COMMITTEE ON BRUCELLOSIS

SUBJECT MATTER: PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSED CERVID

BRUCELLOSIS RULE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

DATES: RENO, NEVADA, OCTOBER 18-24, 2007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To encourage whole herd brucellosis testing of cervids and to promote certified brucellosis-free herds, the committee recommends finalizing the Cervid Brucellosis Rule.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) publish the proposed Cervid Brucellosis Regulations in the Federal Register for public comment.

RESPONSE:

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the United States Animal Health Association's interest in brucellosis testing and appreciates the opportunity to respond. VS is drafting proposed regulations regarding brucellosis in cervids for inclusion in title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 78. We expect to publish this proposal in the *Federal Register* in calendar year 2008.