RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22 and 37 Combined  
SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON IMPORT, EXPORT AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS  
COMMITTEE ON TUBERCULOSIS  
SUBJECT MATTER: Cervid Import from Manitoba  

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 1, 2003, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the Manitoba Department of Agriculture adopted the creation of a zone around Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP) with a different tuberculosis (TB) status than the rest of Manitoba and Canada. Manitoba was split into two areas and re-classified their TB status according to the new criteria as follows:

- Riding Mountain TB Eradication Area (RMEA) game hunting areas and will be upgraded from their current TB-accredited status to the new TB-accredited-advanced status; and
- Manitoba TB Eradication Area which will consist of the remainder of the province (approximately 90% of Manitoba cattle herds) and will be upgraded from its current TB-accredited status to TB-free status.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s (APHIS) live import protocol for cervids from Canada to the United States has a specific TB requirement for Manitoba animals that adds additional isolation time.

Section 2.4 (h) of the protocol states, “For farmed cervids originating from Manitoba (or Manitoba farmed cervids which are added to a herd in another province): prior to the individual cervid TB test required under in Section 3, the animals must be isolated as a group for at least 60 days without addition.”

USDA-APHIS’ live animal import protocol for other species, such as camelids, has no special condition for Manitoba animals. USDA-APHIS’ import protocol for cattle mentions Manitoba has special TB status but does not require any extra testing or isolation for TB certified herds.

All farmed cervid herds in Manitoba are enrolled in a mandatory TB surveillance program administered by CFIA.
RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services to amend the live cervid import protocol upon request from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to exclude Manitoba cervids that originate outside the Riding Mountain National Park Tuberculosis Eradication Area from the isolation requirements prior to testing.