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**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26      APPROVED**

**SOURCE:                      COMMITTEE ON DISEASES OF FARMED CERVIDAE**

**SUBJECT MATTER:          INVESTIGATE THE DUAL PATH PLATFORM AS AN  
INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL TEST FOR INTERSTATE  
COMMERCE OF FARMED CERVIDAE**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Advances in the science of tuberculosis (TB) testing have led to the development of antibody based blood tests. The licensing of the Dual Path Platform by United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Center for Veterinary Biologics in October 2012, for farmed cervids has decreased the need for handling of these species and increased the interest in TB testing by farmed cervid producers.

**RESOLUTION:**

The United States Animal Health Association requests that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services evaluate the Dual Path Platform for use as an individual animal blood test in farmed cervidae for interstate commerce in the Tuberculosis Eradication Program.

**INTERIM RESPONSE:**

The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the concerns of the United States Animal Health Association and appreciates the opportunity to respond. The Code of Federal Regulations specifies that each State is classified as modified accredited; and, therefore, the interstate movement of captive cervids must meet the bovine tuberculosis testing requirements in accordance with 9 CFR Parts 77.20 and 77.27. Currently, there is no exception to testing requirements for the interstate movement of individual cervids using either the single cervical test or dual path platform test. VS will continue to evaluate and consider this resolution as we determine next steps for the proposed rule for brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis.