287.716 Slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of livestock; branding and identification.

Sec. 16. (1) Livestock ordered to be slaughtered, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of by the director because of tuberculosis shall be branded on the left hip with a letter "T" not less than 2 inches high, and a tag designated as a reactor tag by the director shall be placed in the left ear. Tuberculosis reactor cattle, bison, and goats as defined in title 9 of the code of federal regulations and the bovine tuberculosis eradication: uniform methods and rules effective January 22, 1999, approved by veterinary services of the animal and plant health inspection service of the United States department of agriculture, and all amendments to those publications thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate shall also be identified by a permanent and legible tuberculosis tattoo and spray of yellow paint on the left ear. The director may refrain from the branding, tattooing, ear painting, and reactor tagging if slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of the entire herd is under the director's direct control or if individual animals are sent to a diagnostic laboratory or to disposal under an official seal and secured transport limit.

(2) Tuberculosis reactor cattle, bison, goats, and privately owned cervids as defined in title 9 of the code of federal regulations and the bovine tuberculosis eradication: uniform methods and rules effective January 22, 1999, approved by veterinary services of the animal and plant health inspection service of the United States department of agriculture, and all amendments to those publications thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate shall remain on the premises where they were located until a state or federal permit for movement has been obtained. Movement for destruction shall be within 15 days after classification as a reactor.

(3) Livestock ordered to be slaughtered, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of by the director because of brucellosis shall be branded on the left hip with a letter "B" not less than 2 inches high, and a tag designated as a reactor tag by the director shall be placed in the left ear. An exposed animal in a brucellosis infected or quarantined herd shall be branded on the left hip with a letter "S" not less than 2 inches high before a permit shall be issued to slaughter, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the animal for slaughter. The director may refrain from the branding and identification if slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of the entire herd is under the director's direct control, if animals are moved under official seal and secured transport unit, or if individual animals are sent to a diagnostic laboratory in a manner approved by the director.

(4) Livestock ordered slaughtered, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of for infectious, contagious, or toxicological diseases other than tuberculosis or brucellosis shall be identified and slaughtered, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in a manner approved by the director.