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**TITLE 345 INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

**Proposed Rule**  
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**DIGEST**

Adds [345 IAC 1-2.6](#) to authorize voluntary participation in the animal identification and tracking components of the National Animal Identification System. Amends [345 IAC 7-5-9](#) to clarify which animals must be identified for exhibition. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

[345 IAC 1-2.6](#); [345 IAC 7-5-9](#)

SECTION 1. [345 IAC 1-2.6](#) IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Rule 2.6. Animal Identification**

[345 IAC 1-2.6-1](#) Definitions

Authority: [IC 15-2.1-3-12](#); [IC 15-2.1-3-19](#)

Affected: [IC 15-2.1-2-27](#); [IC 15-2.1-3](#); [IC 15-2.1-4](#)

Sec. 1. The definitions in [IC 15-2.1-2](#) and the following apply throughout this rule:

(1) "Board" means the Indiana state board of animal health appointed under [IC 15-2.1-3](#).

(2) "State veterinarian" means:

(A) the state veterinarian appointed by the board under [IC 15-2.1-4](#); and

(B) any authorized agents.

(3) "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

(Indiana State Board of Animal Health; [345 IAC 1-2.6-1](#))

[345 IAC 1-2.6-2](#) Animal identification in the National Animal Identification System

Authority: [IC 15-2.1-3-12](#); [IC 15-2.1-3-19](#)

Affected: [IC 15-2.1-3-13](#); [IC 15-2.1-15-17](#)

Sec. 2. (a) The state veterinarian may establish and implement a program for Indiana producers that choose to participate in the:

(1) animal identification (Stage 2); and

(2) tracking (Stage 3);

components of USDA's National Animal Identification System.

(b) If the state veterinarian establishes a program under subsection (a), the program must be voluntary.

(c) Nothing in this section is intended to restrict animal identification requirements that are part of an animal disease control program for a specific disease.

(Indiana State Board of Animal Health; [345 IAC 1-2.6-2](#))

SECTION 2. [345 IAC 7-5-9](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

[345 IAC 7-5-9](#) Identification and description

Authority: [IC 15-2.1-3-19](#)

Sec. 9. (a) ~~Each~~ **Before delivering an animal for which a certificate of veterinary inspection is required for to an exhibition, under section 2.5 of this rule a person exhibiting any member of the following animal families** must be permanently, individually, and uniquely identified **identify each animal** utilizing one (1) of the methods of identification described in ~~subsection (b)~~ **this section**:

**(1) Bovidae, such as the following:**

- (A) Cattle.**
- (B) Sheep.**
- (C) Goats.**
- (D) Buffalo.**

**(2) Equidae, if the animal originates from outside the state.**

**(3) Suidae, such as domestic and feral swine.**

**(4) Cervidae, such as the following:**

- (A) Deer.**
- (B) Elk.**

**(5) Camelidae, such as the following:**

- (A) Camels.**
- (B) Llamas.**
- (C) Alpacas.**

**(b)** One (1) of the following methods of identification shall be used for animals not specifically addressed in subsection ~~(b)~~ **(c)**:

- (1) An ear tag.
- (2) A tattoo.
- (3) A standard ear notch.
- (4) An individual brand.
- (5) A breed registration number.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** The following methods of identification shall be used to identify animals of the respective listed species for exhibition:

(1) Domestic swine must be identified utilizing a standard ear notch system approved by the state veterinarian, except that swine that are to be exhibited as part of an Indiana 4-H swine exhibition may use a plastic tag approved by the Indiana state 4-H department. The tag shall consist of **the following** two (2) parts:

- (A)** The male part imprinted with a permanent identification number. ~~and~~
- (B)** The female part imprinted with a coded number or letters that identify the county of the 4-H member's residence.

(2) Cattle must be identified using one (1) of the following methods of identification:

- (A) An official ear tag.
- (B) A tattoo.
- (C) An individual brand.
- (D) A registration number if accompanied by registration papers.

~~But, However,~~ Indiana steers may be identified using any type of individual ear tag, including plastic tags.

(3) Sheep must be identified using one (1) of the following methods of identification:

- (A) A tattoo.
- (B) A standard ear notch.
- (C) An ear tag.
- (D) A breed association ear tag.

(4) Goats must be identified using one (1) of the following methods of identification:

- (A) A tattoo.
- (B) A standard ear notch.
- (C) An ear tag.
- (D) A breed association ear tag.

(5) Horses and other equine must be identified using one (1) of the following methods of identification:

- (A) A lip tattoo.
- (B) An individual brand.
- (C) A registration number if accompanied by registration papers.
- (D) A descriptive marking with the animal's name.

(6) Cervidae must be identified using one (1) of the following methods of identification:

- (A) An ear tag.
- (B) A tattoo.
- (C) Other identification approved by the state veterinarian.

~~(c) If more than one (1) identification is present on an animal, at least two (2) of the identification numbers or markings shall be listed on the certificate of veterinary inspection.~~

*(Indiana State Board of Animal Health; Reg 77-2, Title II, Sec 8; filed Jul 21, 1978, 2:30 p.m.: 1 IR 567; filed May 2, 1983, 10:03 a.m.: 6 IR 1036; filed May 21, 1984, 3:20 p.m.: 7 IR 1714; filed Feb 15, 1985, 9:05 a.m.: 8 IR 792; filed Jan 8, 1986, 2:54 p.m.: 9 IR 998; filed Dec 2, 1994, 3:50 p.m.: 18 IR 860; filed Dec 23, 1998, 4:37 p.m.: 22 IR 1476; errata filed Mar 31, 1999, 9:37 a.m.: 22 IR 2534; readopted filed May 2, 2001, 1:45 p.m.: 24 IR 2895; filed Dec 19, 2002, 12:00 p.m.: 26 IR 1538; readopted filed May 9, 2007, 3:16 p.m.: [20070516-IR-345070037RFA](#))*

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