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**ENROLLMENT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ACCREDITED TUBERCULOSIS  
 FREE HERD FOR CERVIDAE**

**Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH)  
 United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
 (USDA APHIS)**

Participant Information	
Name:	
Address:	County:
City:	Zip:
Telephone Number:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Facsimile Number:	
Electronic Mail Address:	
Cervid Herd ID and/or National Premise ID:	

**I understand the provisions set forth herein and hereby request that my herd of cervidae be placed under the supervision of cooperating agencies for the purpose of establishing a tuberculosis-free herd pursuant to the terms of this document.**

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**Participant** **Date**

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The Participant voluntarily agrees to cooperate with USDA APHIS and BOAH officials in monitoring for tuberculosis in Participant's cervidae herd for the purpose of establishing an accredited tuberculosis-free status in the herd according to the following terms

For the purposes of this document, a "herd" is all animals under common ownership or supervision that are grouped on one or more parts of any single premise, or all animals on two or more geographically separated premises, on which animals have not commingled or had contact with any other animals except those of the accredited herd.

Article I. Accredited herd plan

(a) Participant's herd will qualify for accredited tuberculosis-free herd status when all of the following conditions have been met:

- (1). The agreement forms are completed and signed.
- (2). The herd to be accredited has undergone at least two (2) consecutive tuberculin tests at nine (9) to fifteen (15) month intervals with no evidence of tuberculosis disclosed.
- (3). All cervidae on the farm are bona-fide members of the herd.
- (4). All other provisions of this agreement have been satisfied.

Article II. Testing, identification

(a). All members of the herd must be tested, but natural additions to the herd that are less than twelve (12) months of age need not be tested. All purchased additions including those less than twelve (12) months of age must be tested. Participant agrees to not present any cervidae for a tuberculin test that have been injected with tuberculin within the preceding ninety (90) days or which have at any time responded to a tuberculin test.

(b). All additions to the herd shall be identified on a test chart as either:

- (1). Purchased Additions (PA)
- (2). Natural Additions (NA)
- (3). Retags (RT)

(c). All cervidae maintained in the herd, or associated with animals of the herd, must be identified by an official method which may include ear tag, tattoo or other method of identification satisfactory to APHIS and BOAH.

(d). Participant must remove from the herd and dispose of all animals which react to the tuberculin test or that show physical evidence of tuberculosis as recommended by APHIS and BOAH.

**(e). Participant agrees to not allow any animal that has not met the requirements for accredited herd plan-additions (see Article III) to be associated with the herd.**

Article III. Herd additions to accredited tuberculosis-free herd

(a). An animal that is to be added to the participant's herd must not have been exposed to cervids from herds with a status that is lower than the status of the addition's herd of origin.

(b). An animal that is to be added to participant's herd must originate directly from one of the following:

- (1) An accredited herd, or
- (2) A qualified or monitored herd; provided that the individual animals for addition were negative to an official tuberculosis test conducted within 90 days prior to entry and were isolated from members of the accredited herd until negative to an official tuberculosis test conducted at least 90 days following entry.

(c). An animal that is to be added to participant's herd that does not meet the requirements of section (b) in this article must pass two negative official tests for tuberculosis. The tests must be conducted at least 90 days apart as follows:

- (1) The animals to be added must be isolated from all other members of the herd of origin from the time of the first test until they leave the herd of origin. The second test must be conducted within 90 days prior to movement to the premises of the accredited herd.
- (2) After leaving the herd of origin, the additions must be kept in isolation from members of the accredited herd until they are negative to an official tuberculosis test conducted at least 90 days after arrival.

(d). Animals added under section (b) and section (c) must not receive accredited herd status for sale or movement purposes until all of the requirements of sections (b) and (c) are met.

#### Article IV. Reaccreditation

(a) The owner of a herd that is accredited may maintain the herd's accredited status by procuring the services of an accredited veterinarian to test each animal in the herd for tuberculosis. The reaccreditation herd test must be completed between thirty-three (33) and thirty-six (36) months from the date the second herd test was completed to obtain accreditation. A herd is in suspended status from thirty-six (36) to thirty-nine (39) months from the date the second herd test was completed during which time the herd owner may complete the reaccreditation requirements. After thirty-nine (39) months, the herd owner must reapply for the accreditation program as a new herd.

(b) Once a herd is reaccredited, the accreditation period will be thirty-six (36) months from the anniversary date after which the reaccreditation steps must be completed again.

#### Article V. General Provisions

(a). Participant will subject any premises contaminated by tuberculosis animals, as indicated by a physical examination or a tuberculin test, to a thorough cleaning and disinfecting, at their expense, under the direction or supervision of the APHIS and/or Indiana Board of Animal Health. Participant will comply with all sanitary measures and other recommendations deemed by state and federal authorities to be necessary for the control of tuberculosis.

(b). Participant's failure to abide by applicable state or federal laws and the provisions of this document will result in withdrawal of the accredited tuberculosis-free status.

**The undersigned agencies agree to enroll this Participant's herd in the tuberculosis accreditation program subject to all applicable state and federal laws and the terms of this document.**

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH (BOAH):**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Date**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (USDA – APHIS)**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Date**