



VIA EMAIL

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Sarah A. Simpson, JD
Director of Legal Affairs, Licensing and Enforcement
Indiana Board of Animal Health
Discovery Hall, Suite 100
1202 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Re: LSA Document #23-340/Economic Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Simpson,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22, as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis for small businesses associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #23-340 (proposed rule) proposed by the Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) and found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #23-340 provides for additional exemptions for which an equine creature is not required to obtain a "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" when being transported through the state of Indiana. These exemptions include instances when the animal is transported directly to a livestock market and is accompanied by a lab test report indicating a negative Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) or an EIA test is administered immediately upon arrival at the livestock market. Additional exemptions are added to align already existing exemptions found within federal code, state permits issued under Indiana Code 15-17, or movement control actions authorized by different governmental agencies with the prior authorization to do so. The proposed rule does not appear to have any direct negative impact on small businesses which operate within the state of Indiana, and in fact appears to lessen regulations in a way which still upholds animal health and safety standards. The BOAH's economic impact statement analysis points to no undue burdens or increased administrative or record keeping costs and is done so with as much regulatory flexibility as possible.

Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact to small business if the BOAH conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at majaworowski@iedc.in.gov.

Sincerely,

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