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**BSE Update – Wednesday, January 28, 2004**

Depopulation Activities

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, 15 animals of interest were euthanized and sampled from the Moxee, WA, facility. In addition to this facility, USDA has previously conducted selective TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA depCITY CODE, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE opulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull VII, SECTION 18-123(h); CHAPTERcalf premises) - 21, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 21-1 T a total of 449 animals depopulated

Mabton, WA (index premises) - a total of 131 animals depopulated

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a total of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 animals depopulated

Tenino, WA – a toHROUGH 21-25; CHAPTER 21, ARTICtal of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA have tested negative. All 170 samples from LE II, SECTIONS 21-26, 21-28, 2the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results were negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at 1-30; CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE III, Boardman, OR; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and Moxee, WA are not yet available.

Investigation ActiSECTIONS 21-36 AND 21-40; CHAPTvities

At this time, 28 of the 81 animals that came from Canada have been located:

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was located in the Index herd in Mabton, Washington.

9 of the 81 were located in the Index herd in Mabton, Washington.

3 were located at a facility in Tenino, Washington.

6 were located at a facility in Connell, Washington.

1 was lER 21, ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 21ocated at a facility in Quincy, Washington.

3 were located at a facility in Mattawa, Washington.

1 was located at a facility in Moxee, Washington.

3 are located at a facility in Burley, Idaho.

1 is located at a facility in Othello, Washington.

Guidelines on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issued by th-101 AND 21-123; CHAPTER 24, ARe World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the international animal heath staTICLE X, DIV. 3, SECTIONS 24-34ndard setting organization, state that animals1(c) AND 24-345(c); CHAPTER 31, born on a premises within one year (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the BSE detection. As such, USDA is focusing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the inde ARTICLE I, SECTION 31-2(b); ANx animal. Based on normaD CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE VIII, SECl culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Plant Health InspecTION 32-174, RELATIVE TO NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICtion Service estimated that the Agency would be able to locate approximately 11 of these animals. APHIS has definitively located 14 of these animals.

Trade Issues

Specific trade information can be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_ban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on BSE can be obtained by visiting the USDA website at http://www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

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