

on the left hip near the tailhead and by attaching to the left ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number and the inscription "U.S. Reactor", or a similar State reactor tag. Reactor cattle and bison may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are permanently identified by the letters "TB" tattooed legibly in the left ear, they are sprayed on the left ear with yellow paint, and they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

(b) *Exposed cattle and bison.* Exposed cattle and bison shall be identified by branding the letter "S," at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size, high on the left hip near the tailhead and by attaching to either ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number. Exposed cattle and bison may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

(c) *Exposed swine.* Swine destroyed under the provisions of § 50.3(d) shall be identified by tagging with a serially numbered metal eartag attached to either ear. All such animals to be destroyed shall be transported to the place of destruction in vehicles closed with seals provided by APHIS or shall be accompanied to the place of destruction by an APHIS or State representative: *Provided, however,* That animals destroyed and disposed of under the direct supervision of an APHIS or State representative on the premises where they were exposed do not require individual identification.

(d) *Reactor captive cervids.* Reactor captive cervids shall be identified by branding the letter "T" high on the left hip near the tailhead and at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in

size and by attaching to the left ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number and the inscription "U.S. Reactor", or a similar State reactor tag. Reactor captive cervids may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are permanently identified by the letters "TB" tattooed legibly on the left ear, they are sprayed on the left ear with yellow paint, and they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

(e) *Exposed captive cervids.* Exposed captive cervids shall be identified by branding the letter "S" high on the left hip near the tailhead and at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size and by attaching to either ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number. Exposed captive cervids may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

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§ 50.7 Destruction of animals.

(a) *Slaughter or disposal.* Cattle, bison, captive cervids, or swine to be destroyed because of tuberculosis must be shipped direct to slaughter under permit to a Federal or State inspected slaughtering establishment or be disposed of by rendering, burial, or incinerating in an approved manner under supervision of an APHIS or State employee.

(b) *Time limit for destruction of animals.* Cattle, bison, captive cervids, or

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swine for which Federal indemnity may be paid because of tuberculosis must be destroyed and carcass disposal completed within 15 days after the date of appraisal, except that the appropriate Veterinarian in Charge, for reasons satisfactory to him, may extend the time limit for slaughter to 30 days when request for such extension is received by him prior to the expiration of the original 15-day period allowed, and the Administrator may extend the time limit for slaughter beyond 30 days, upon request in specific cases and for reasons satisfactory to him.

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§ 50.8 Payment of expenses for transporting and disposing of affected, exposed, and suspect animals.

The Department may pay, when approved in advance in writing by the Veterinarian in Charge, one half the expenses of transporting affected, exposed, or suspect cattle, bison, and captive cervids to slaughter or to the point where disposal will take place, and one half the expenses of destroying, burying, incinerating, rendering, or otherwise disposing of affected, exposed, or suspect cattle, bison, and captive cervids; *Provided that*, the Department may pay more than one-half of the expenses when the Administrator determines that doing so will contribute to the tuberculosis eradication program. For reimbursement to be made, the owner of the animals must present the Veterinarian in Charge with a copy of either a receipt for expenses paid or a bill for services rendered. Any bill for services rendered by the owner must not be greater than the normal fee for similar services provided by a commercial hauler or renderer.

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§ 50.9 Appraisals.

Cattle, bison, captive cervids, or swine to be destroyed because of tuberculosis under § 50.3 shall be appraised within 15 days after being classified as

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affected or after otherwise being condemned because of tuberculosis, except that the appropriate Veterinarian in Charge, for reasons satisfactory to him, may extend the time limit for appraisal to 30 days when a request for such extension is received by him prior to the expiration date of the original 15-day period allowed, and the Administrator may extend the time limit for appraisal beyond 30 days, upon request in specific cases and for reasons satisfactory to him. The appraisal shall be by an independent professional appraiser at the expense of APHIS, except that the veterinarian in charge may waive the requirement for independent professional appraiser for reasons satisfactory to him. When cattle, bison, captive cervids, or swine are thus appraised, due consideration shall be given to their breeding value as well as to their dairy or meat value. Cattle, bison, captive cervids, or swine presented for payment as registered shall be accompanied by their registration papers. If the registration papers are temporarily not available, or if the cattle, bison, captive cervids, or swine are less than 3 years old and unregistered, the appropriate Veterinarian in Charge may grant a reasonable time for the presentation of their registration papers. APHIS may decline to accept any appraisal that appears to be unreasonable or out of proportion to the value of cattle, bison, captive cervids, or swine of like quality.

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§ 50.10 Report of appraisals.

Appraisals of cattle, bison, captive cervids, and swine made in accordance with § 50.9 shall be recorded on forms furnished by APHIS. The appraisal form shall be signed by the appraiser and by the owner certifying his acceptance of the appraisal. The "date of appraisal" shall be the date that the owner signs the appraisal form. The original of the appraisal form and as many copies thereof as may be required for APHIS, the State, and the owner of