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## Strengthen Cattle Identification Regulations

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has adopted regulations requiring most cattle two years of age or older to be back-tagged or eartagged to identify the animals to their herd of origin before they are shipped across state lines.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said the new cattle identification regulations—which become effective October 23—strengthen cooperative state-federal efforts to eradicate communicable livestock disease such as brucellosis, tuberculosis and cattle scabies.

Disease eradication programs rely upon rapid trace-back of infected animals to their herd of origin. The newly adopted regulations broaden current requirements to include backtagging of cattle two years of age or older being shipped across state lines for any pur-

pose—not just to slaughter—with the following exceptions:

- Steers and spayed heifers.
- Cattle shipped interstate from a farm, ranch or feedlot directly to (1) a stockyard posted under the Packers and Stockyards Act where they are backtagged upon arrival, or (2) an inspected packing plant, provided the plant maintains adequate identification of these animals by lot or similar means. (If lots are mixed at the packing plant, cattle must be backtagged before herd of origin identity is lost.)

Dairy and breeding cattle two years of age or older must be backtagged or eartagged—or identified by other approved means such as official brands—if they are being shipped across state lines.

-Prebred cattle permanently identified according to breed requirements before two years of age do not have to be backtagged or eartagged when shipped interstate for purposes other than for slaughter.

The regulation prohibits removal of, or tampering with, identifying backtags or eartags until final destination. - Exceptions to this rule must be authorized by the Deputy Administrator of APHIS's Veterinary Services. Individual responsible for shipping cattle across state lines are also responsible for seeing that the cattle are properly identified.

The regulations are published in the Federal Register for August 24, 1973.

## Reacting To An Emergency

It is important to know the warning signs of heart attack and be prepared to act in an emergency. This article is offered as a public education service of the Lancaster Chapter, American Heart Association.

How would you react in this emergency?

One Sunday evening while watching television, you suddenly feel a prolonged squeezing pain in the center of the chest. You begin to sweat and feel nauseous. The pain persists for some time and then goes away.

Heart attack is the first thought that comes to your mind. Would the pain go away if it were a heart attack? Perhaps you have picked up some variety of 24-hour flu. Could it be food poisoning? If you could just get to bed, you know you would feel better.

Then suddenly the pain comes back and seems to spread toward the shoulder. Again the doubts about heart attack return. Should you call the doctor? It is Sunday night . . . perhaps you should wait until morning.

Clearly a decision must be made, and there is only one right decision. Your Heart Association urges you to call your doctor immediately if you experience any of the warning symptoms of heart attack.

If you cannot reach your doctor, or if you do not have a regular physician, get to a

hospital emergency room at once. Half of all the heart attack deaths occur before the victim gets to the hospital. Delay may cost your life.

The usual warning signs of heart attack are:

- Prolonged, heavy pressure or squeezing pain in the center of the chest, behind the breastbone.
- Pain may spread to the shoulder, arm, neck or jaw.
- Pain or discomfort is often accompanied by sweating. Nausea, vomiting or shortness of breath may also occur.
- Symptoms may subside and then return.

The decision to call for help is too important to leave to the patient alone. It is also the responsibility of the patient's family, friends and associates. If a friend or relative experiences symptoms of heart attack in your presence, turn it upon yourself to act immediately. Call his doctor or take him to a hospital emergency room at once.

To help you be prepared for an emergency, the Lancaster Chapter of The American Heart Association is offering a free leaflet called "Your Heart Saver." This piece gives the warning signs of heart attack and stroke and tells how to guard against both of these conditions.

Send for it today. "Your Heart Saver" could save your life.

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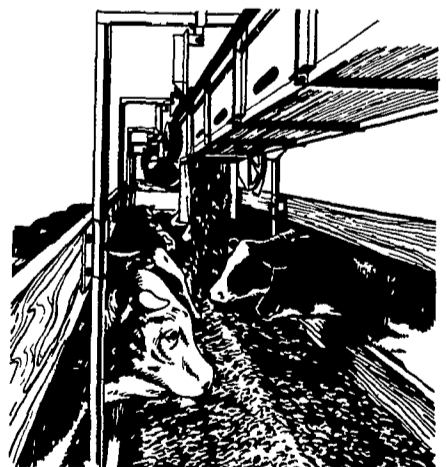
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