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2 CSR 30-6.015 Requirements and Responsibilities of Market Licensees

PURPOSE: This rule defines the requirements and responsibilities of livestock market owners and operators.

(1) Terms defined in section 277.020, RSMo are incorporated by reference for use in this rule.

(2) As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly says otherwise, the following terms shall mean:

(A) Livestock—Cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, ratite birds including but not limited to ostrich and emu, elk, equine and exotic animals;

(B) Livestock market—A place of business or a place where livestock is concentrated for sale, exchange or trade at regular or irregular intervals, whether at auction or not. This definition exempts public farm sales, purebred livestock sales or any sale, transfer or exchange of livestock from one (1) person to another person for movement or transfer to another farm premises or directly to a licensed market;

(C) Livestock sale—The business of mediating for a commission or otherwise, the sale, purchase or exchange transaction of livestock, whether or not at a livestock market. However, the term livestock sale shall not apply to order buyers, livestock dealers or other persons acting directly as a buying agent for any third party;

(D) Official identification—United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-approved ear tag, back tag or other device used for identification of livestock;

(E) Person—Individuals, partnerships, corporations and associations; and

(F) State veterinarian—The state veterinarian of the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

(3) Any person engaged in establishing or operating a livestock sale or market shall file with the state veterinarian an application for a license to transact business.

(4) An annual license fee of seventy-five dollars ($75) must accompany all applications. This license shall entitle the applicant to conduct business for one (1) calendar year, January through December. The state veterinarian must receive all completed renewal applications and fees by December 1 for the next calendar year. All licensees defined in Chapter 277, RSMo shall publicly post the license issued by the state veterinarian at the place of business. The license shall be displayed for inspection by any person.

(5) All markets/sales licensed under the laws of Missouri must present to the department, no later than April 15 following the end of the year, their sales volumes for the preceding business year.

(6) Bonding Requirements. Every person subject to the provisions of Chapter 277, RSMo shall provide proof of a satisfactory bond in the amount specified by the USDA Packers and Stockyards Administration or the state veterinarian before receiving a license. In lieu of any bond, persons may substitute any instrument of financial security approved by the USDA Packers and Stockyards Administration. All surety coverage for licensees must be in accordance with 2 CSR 30-6.030.

(7) All licensees defined in Chapter 277, RSMo must secure veterinary inspection of all livestock offered for sale at any livestock sale or market. A licensed, accredited veterinarian approved by the state veterinarian must inspect all livestock and perform all testing of livestock for disease, including any method of identifying animals in connection with disease. No person shall remove or tamper with, or cause the removal of or tampering with, an official ear tag or back tag or other identification device required to move animals interstate, intrastate or through a market/sale vehicle. No person shall cause livestock to be removed from any livestock market/sale until that livestock has met all the requirements of Missouri or the state of destination, whichever applies.

(A) All assignments, replacements and removals of veterinarians as market/sale veterinarians must have prior approval of the state veterinarian in accordance with section 277.100, RSMo.

(B) Upon approval of the state veterinarian, the market/sale veterinarian must sign a Market Veterinarian Agreement form MO 350-0488 provided by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. The licensee also must sign the form. The market/sale veterinarian shall keep one (1) copy of the agreement, the licensee one (1) copy and one (1) copy shall be forwarded to the state veterinarian's office.

(C) Release the untested slaughter cattle on a completed form MDA-SMP (Missouri Department of Agriculture Sealed Movement Permit);

(D) Release cattle to a slaughter establishment in a sealed truck, sealed by an appointed person under the supervision of the market/sale veterinarian; and

(E) Not allow mixed loading of untested, test-eligible and tested cattle unless all are delivered directly to slaughter in a sealed vehicle.

(9) Female bovine imported from brucellosis Class B states that are not officially calfhood vaccinated (OCV) shall not be released by the licensee unless in compliance with 2 CSR 30-6.020(3)(B).

(10) All test-eligible cattle from other than brucellosis Class Free or brucellosis Class A states presented for sale at a market/sale shall be identified by a method approved by the state veterinarian to show the brucellosis classification of the animal's state of origin. The sale ring announcer shall declare that the animal is sold under condition of quarantine for retest in sixty to one hundred twenty (60–120) days at the purchaser's expense or for consignment directly to slaughter within five (5) days.

(A) The intrastate movement permit number assigned to these animals shall be the MODAV-20 certificate number preceded by the market/sale veterinarian’s letter code.

(B) The proper distribution of the form MODAV-20 shall be—the yellow copy to the purchaser (before animals leave the market), the white copy to the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the green copy retained by the issuing veterinarian.

(C) A licensee shall not allow the release of cattle originating from Class B states unless accompanied by a properly completed MODAV-20 or a properly completed interstate movement certificate.
Facilities provided by the livestock market/sale for the market/sale veterinarian shall include:

(A) Office and laboratory area to allow ample work space and room for a work table, desk, chair, lamp and one (1) file cabinet;

(B) Heat, light and ventilation to properly perform required diagnostic tests;

(C) Livestock handling facilities with livestock collecting pens, runways and a catching chute to confine and blood test both cattle and swine; and

(D) A laboratory area with a sink, hot and cold running water and a floor of an impervious material which allows cleaning and disinfection. Electrical outlets must be available and convenient to enable the use of equipment such as centrifuges, branding irons and electrical heaters.

Failure of the licensee to aid the market/sale veterinarian in executing all laws and regulations governing the sale and movement of livestock may result in removal of the license to conduct sales.

Structurally safe and sanitary conditions must be maintained on yards, pens, chutes, alleys and other facilities and premises used in connection with livestock by the person(s) in possession of the facilities and premises. These facilities are subject to inspection by USDA Veterinary Services or state Animal Health personnel.

All licensees defined in Chapter 277, RSMo must present upon request to a duly authorized representative of the Division of Animal Health, records of any livestock sale or transaction. Failure to do so may result in the suspension or revocation of the market/sale license, a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars ($1,000) for each violation, or both.

Violations at Markets/Sales. Failure either to comply with the laws of Missouri and the rules of the Missouri Department of Agriculture or to fulfill the requirements and responsibilities as specified in this rule can result in a suspension or revocation of the market/sale license, fines of up to one thousand dollars ($1,000) per violation, or both.


2 CSR 30-6.020 Duties and Facilities of the Market/Sale Veterinarian

PURPOSE: Under section 277.100, RS Mo, this rule outlines the basic duties and responsibilities of the veterinarian under contract with a licensed livestock market/sale or sale to inspect all livestock offered for sale.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material, which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule, would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the material, which is so incorporated, is on file with the agency who filed this rule, and with the Office of the Secretary of State. Any interested person may view this material at either agency’s headquarters or the same will be made available at the Office of The Secretary of State at a cost not to exceed actual cost of copy reproduction. The entire text for the rule is printed here. This note refers only to the incorporated by reference material. The publication for Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective January 22, 1999, can be accessed at www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/disease/eradication.htm and Brucellosis in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective September 30, 1998, can be accessed at the USDA government website at www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/pubs/umr.html. The publication for Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules Effective October 1, 2003 can be accessed at www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/pubs/umr.html.

Assignment and Approval of Market/Sale Veterinarians.

(A) All assignments, replacements and removals of licensed, accredited veterinarians as market/sale veterinarians must have prior approval of the state veterinarian.

(B) Upon approval of the state veterinarian, the market/sale veterinarian must sign a Market/Sale Veterinarian Agreement form MO 350-0488 provided by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. This form states the veterinary responsibilities at livestock markets/sales. The licensee must also sign the form. The market/sale veterinarian shall keep one (1) copy of the agreement, the licensee one (1) copy and one (1) copy shall be forwarded to the state veterinarian’s office.

(C) Neglect of duty or misconduct by the market/sale veterinarian shall be cause for removal and replacement.

(D) Failure of the licensee to aid the market/sale veterinarian in executing all laws and rules governing the sale and movement of livestock may result in removal of the license to conduct sales.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Market/Sale Veterinarian. The market/sale veterinarian shall—

(A) Complete training successfully and be qualified to run the Brucella Buffered Antigen (B.B.A.) Card Test. Any veterinarian assistant or animal health technician who performs any testing at a livestock market/sale under the supervision of the market/sale veterinarian must also successfully complete training and be qualified to run the B.B.A. Card Test;

(B) Inspect livestock markets/sales for cleanliness, good repair and proper disinfection of certain areas possibly contaminated by diseased livestock;

(C) Collect blood samples from all test-eligible animals consigned to the market/sale and submit those samples to the Cooperative State and Federal Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Jefferson City for testing;

(D) Inspect all livestock visually and, if necessary, perform further diagnostic procedures to determine the health status. No livestock shall be released from a livestock market/sale by the market/sale veterinarian until the livestock have been handled, tested and treated as required by Animal Health laws and rules pertaining to the movement of livestock; and

(E) Find any animal that is sick or suffering from a noninfectious disease either—

1. Returned to farm of origin with or without a quarantine, depending on the seriousness of the disease or illness;

2. Condemned, isolated and later destroyed or properly disposed of; or

3. Isolated and, if allowed to sell, an announcement must be made at the time of sale about the problem the animal is suffering (for example, bloat, cancer eye, foot rot).

Required Testing of Bovine.

(A) Animal Identification. No person shall remove or tamper with or cause the removal of or tampering with an official ear tag or back tag or other identification device required to move animals interstate, intrastate or through a livestock market/sale.

(B) Testing of Bovine for Brucellosis. The market/sale veterinarian must draw blood on all test-eligible animals (bulls, heifers and cows eighteen (18) months of age and over) for brucellosis and submit those samples to the Cooperative State and Federal
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Jefferson City for testing. This includes animals consigned to slaughter and feedlots as well as those that might return to farms as breeding stock. An exception may occur at markets/sales with enough volume of test-eligible slaughter cattle that have acquired an agreement with the state allowing release of untested slaughter cattle in a sealed truck. The market/sale veterinarian will supervise persons appointed to apply official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) seals to sealed trucks if the licensee has an agreement with the state to do so.

2. A market/sale veterinarian may recognize a brucellosis test performed at a Missouri market/sale as an official and valid test for five (5) days if proper health certificates accompany the animal(s). An official bangle tag may serve as a health certificate for intrastate movement. Provided the following information is shown on the tag:

A. Date of test;
B. Complete official eartag number;
C. Age of the animal;
D. State code letters of the testing veterinarian;
E. If color-coded bangle tags are used to indicate stage of pregnancy, they shall be applied as follows:
   (I) Blue—first trimester—one through three (1–3) months pregnant;
   (II) Red—second trimester—four through six (4–6) months pregnant;
   (III) Green—third trimester—seven through nine (7–9) months pregnant;
   (IV) Yellow—open—not pregnant; and
   (V) White—not examined for pregnancy status.

3. All out-of-state test-eligible cattle must be retested when presented to a Missouri market/sale. The market/sale veterinarian shall accurately complete form MODAV-20 upon release of any test-eligible cattle originating from other than brucellosis Class Free or brucellosis Class A states.

A. The intrastate movement permit number shall be the MODAV-20 certificate number preceded by the letter code of the issuing veterinarian.
B. The proper distribution of the form MODAV-20 certificate is as follows:
   (I) The yellow copy shall be issued to the purchaser or his/her agent prior to release of the animal(s) from the livestock market/sale;
   (II) The white copy shall be mailed to the Missouri Department of Agriculture; and
   (III) The green copy shall be retained by the issuing veterinarian.

4. Proper procedure for determining the age of test-eligible cattle is—
   A. Eighteen (18) months—absence of the central deciduous (baby) incisors;
   B. Two (2) years—the presence of the first pair of fully erupted permanent incisor teeth;
   C. Two and one-half (2 1/2) years—the appearance of the second pair of permanent incisor teeth;
   D. Eruption, spread and wear of incisor teeth may be used to determine age; and
   E. The age of the animal will be shown on the official bangle tag or displayed on the animal in a manner easily visible to the buyer.

(4) Required Testing for Swine.

A. All swine (except slaughter swine) presented to a market/sale must be officially ear-tagged, tattooed or backtagged, or identified by another approved device, and inspected for signs of infectious or contagious disease, and must be identified to the farm of origin and the market/sale must keep these records for one (1) year. All sows and boars sold for slaughter are to be individually identified by backtag, eartag or tattoo, or other approved device at first point of concentration.

B. Market-to-market movement of swine into and within Missouri is prohibited, except to slaughter-swine-only markets/sales.

(5) Required Testing and Handling of Equidae.

A. Veterinary inspection is required on all equidae before sale.

B. All equidae presented at any licensed market/sale for the purpose of change of ownership, not having proof of an official negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the previous twelve (12) months, shall have blood samples for EIA testing collected before the sale at the seller’s expense.

1. In a licensed livestock market/sale where the veterinarian has an approved EIA testing laboratory, EIA tests will be run prior to the sale. Test positive suspect equids will be identified and returned to the owner’s premises under quarantine pending test confirmation, or the owner may sell that animal directly to slaughter accompanied by a VS Form 1-27 shipping permit.

2. In markets where on-site EIA testing is not available, the equids will sell test-pending, identified as such by a red hip tag (furnished by the Missouri Department of Agriculture) recorded on an Equine Sales & Test Record form (MO 350-1138) and sold under quarantine to the buyer. This quarantine restricts the buyer from taking the equids out they are presented for exchange, barter, lease or sale at a livestock market/sale, or originate from a validated brucellosis-free herd or validated swine brucellosis-free state and a qualified negative pseudorabies herd or from a state classified as Stage IV or V in the National Pseudorabies (PRV) Eradication Plan. Documentation showing herd numbers and current herd test dates must be provided to the market/sale veterinarian for animals to be accepted. Missouri origin breeding swine are to be quarantined for a thirty (30)-day period. Imported breeding swine shall be quarantined until a negative retest for brucellosis and pseudorabies is obtained. This retest shall not be fewer than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after entry.

1. A retest must be completed on all imported breeding swine that do not originate from a USDA-classified swine brucellosis- and pseudorabies-free state or country.

2. Breeding swine originating from USDA-classified swine brucellosis- and pseudorabies-free states or countries must be tested as follows; in shipments of one to nine (1–9) head, a retest is required of all animals; in shipments of ten to thirty-five (10–35) head from the same herd of origin, retest is required of ten (10) animals; in shipments over thirty-five (35) head from the same herd of origin, retest is required on thirty percent (30%), up to a maximum of thirty (30) animals.
of Missouri and from another change of ownership, until the test results are received.

(C) Equidae presented with current, negative EIA test chart (VS Form 10-11 or later revision) or any officially recognized state EIA test chart) will be sold with a white hip tag (furnished by the Missouri Department of Agriculture) and recorded on an Equine Sales & Test Record form (MO 350-11). The seller must present an original EIA test chart; no photocopies or facsimiles will be accepted. The test must have been done within the previous twelve (12) months, and must be accurately completed, showing graphic descriptions of all markings needed for identification. Verification of each animal to the EIA test chart shall be the responsibility of the market veterinarian. If in the opinion of the market veterinarian the information shown on the EIA test chart does not match the animal presented or the test chart has been altered, the market veterinarian shall confiscate the form, mark the document "invalid" and the animal(s) will be tested at the seller's expense prior to the sale.

(D) No equidae will be released from any licensed market/sale without a current, negative EIA test; a test-pending quarantine, or released on a VS Form 1-27 shipping permit returning to the seller's premises. Once copy of all quarantines and Equine Sales & Test Record forms (MO 350-11) completed for each sale will be sent to the state veterinarian's office.

(E) All EIA positive animals presented for sale to slaughter at a licensed market/sale must be accompanied by a VS Form 1-27 shipping permit signed by state or federal regulatory personnel authorizing the move. All EIA positive animals shall be segregated at least two hundred (200) yards from any other equidae and not sold in the auction ring. The market veterinarian shall verify the animals' permanent identification (freezing brand or electronic microchip) shown on the form and issue a new VS Form 1-27 consigning the animal to a federally approved slaughter facility. No EIA positive animal shall be moved from a licensed livestock market/sale without being permanently identified and consigned to slaughter on a VS Form 1-27.

(F) Alteration or substitution of any information on any VS Form 10-11 or certificate of veterinary inspection shall cause the document to be invalid and in violations of sections 267.010 to 267.730, RSMo and may result in civil penalties not to exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000) per violation.

(G) Equidae with signs of fistulous withers or poll evil will be sold directly to slaughter.

(6) Required Testing and Handling of Sheep and Goats.

(A) Veterinary inspection is required on all sheep and goats prior to sale.

(B) Sheep and goats are required to have permanent official identification to be in compliance with the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules Effective October 1, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule.

1. All breeding sheep regardless of age.
2. All sheep over eighteen (18) months of age.

(C) Eligible sheep and goats that come into the market without official identification must have official identification applied at the market prior to commingling with other animals, and prior to sale.

(D) Any official identification that is applied by the market veterinarian or market personnel must maintain the following records:

1. The date tagged.
2. The number of sheep and the number of goats identified.
3. The serial numbers applied.
4. The name and address of the owner of the flock of origin.
5. If the person who currently owns the animals is different from the owner of the flock of origin or birth, the current owner's name and address.
6. If the owner of the flock of birth is different from the owner of the flock of origin, and if the animals were born after January 1, 2002, the name and address of the owner of the flock of birth, if known.

7. All records of official identification must be maintained for five (5) years.

(7) Rats (Including, but not limited to, Ostrich and Emu). All rats must be individually identified by a means approved by the Missouri state veterinarian on a certificate of veterinary inspection. In addition, rats imported into Missouri presented for sale at a livestock market/sale must obtain an entry permit.

(8) Miscellaneous and Exotic Animals. All exotic animals presented for exchange, barter, lease, or sale at a licensed livestock market/sale must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection showing an individual listing of the common and scientific name(s) of the animal(s) and appropriate descriptions of animal(s) such as sex, age, weight, coloration and the permanent tag number, brand or tattoo identification.

(A) Exotic bovids eight (8) months of age and over must have a negative brucellosis test and a negative tuberculosis test within thirty (30) days prior to arrival at the market/sale. Exotic bovids include Bos gaurus (Indian bison, Gaur) Bos javanicus (Banteng), Bos sauveli (Kouprey), Bos grunniens (domesticated yak), Bubalus bubalis (water buffalo), Bubalus mindorensis (Tamarau), Bubalus quarlesi (Mountain Anoa), Baubalus depressicornis (Lowland Anoa) and Snyurus caffer (buffalo group).

(B) Exotic cattle must meet the same brucellosis requirements as domestic cattle. These animals eight (8) months of age and over must be tested for tuberculosis within thirty (30) days prior to arrival at the market/sale.

(C) Camels, lamas, alpaca and others of that group must be officially identified by tattoo, microchip, cartag or other approved device and be listed individually on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

(D) Captive cervids from out-of-state that arrive at a market/sale in Missouri must have an entry permit issued by the state veterinarian's office and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Captive cervids from out-of-state that arrive at a market/sale must be in compliance with the guidelines as incorporated by reference to the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective January 22, 1999 and Brucellosis in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective September 30, 1998. Movement of Missouri origin captive cervids must be in compliance with Missouri's intrastate movement regulations.

1. All sexually intact animals six (6) months of age or older, not under quarantine and not affected with brucellosis, must test negative for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to arrival at the market/sale, except:

A. Brucellosis-free herd—captive cervids originating from certified brucellosis-free herds may be sold through a market/sale on the current herd number and test date;
B. Brucellosis-monitored herd—all sexually intact animals six (6) months of age or older must test negative for brucellosis within ninety (90) days prior to arrival at the market/sale.

2. Captive cervids not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis, and not in a status herd as defined in the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective January 22, 1999, must have two (2) negative tuberculosis tests, not less than ninety (90) days apart, using the single cervical method. The second test must be
within ninety (90) days prior to arrival at the market/sale.

3. Movement from status herds.

A. Accredited herd—captive cervids originating from accredited tuberculosis-free cervid herd as defined by the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective January 22, 1999, may be sold through a market/sale on the current herd number and test date.

B. Qualified herd—captive cervids originating from a qualified herd as defined by the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective January 22, 1999, must have one (1) negative tuberculosis test, using the single cervical method, within ninety (90) days prior to arrival at the market/sale.

C. Monitored herd—captive cervids originating from a monitored herd as defined by the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, Effective January 22, 1999, must have one (1) negative tuberculosis test, using the single cervical method, within ninety (90) days prior to arrival at the market/sale.

D. Captive cervids less than twelve (12) months of age that originate from and were born in qualified or monitored herds may be sold through a market/sale without further tuberculosis testing, provided that they are accompanied by a certificate stating that such captive cervids originated from such herds and have not been exposed to captive cervids from a lower status herd.

4. Captive cervids from an area that has been reported as a chronic wasting disease (CWD) endemic area or any cervid that has been in an endemic area in the last five (5) years will not be allowed to move through a Missouri livestock market/sale.

5. Elk, elk-hybrids and mule deer from all states must have participated in a surveillance program for at least three (3) years prior to moving through a Missouri livestock market/sale. Other captive cervids other than white-tailed deer must have participated in a surveillance program recognized by the state of origin prior to moving through a Missouri livestock market/sale.

6. White-tailed deer from all states must have participated in a surveillance program for at least two (2) years prior to entering Missouri. Other captive cervids must have participated in a surveillance program recognized by the state of origin prior to entering Missouri.

7. All captive white-tailed deer that enter Missouri with a two (2)-year status in a CWD surveillance program and remain in Missouri at the time of death must be tested for CWD.

(E) Exotic goats, sheep and antelope. No tests are required on these animals.

(F) Exotic equine, donkeys, asses, burros and zebras must meet domestic equine requirements.

(G) Feral swine, javalina, and peccaries must be in compliance with domestic swine requirements.

(H) Elephants (Asiatic, African) must be tested negative for tuberculosis within one (1) year prior to exhibition.

(I) Importation of skunks and raccoons into Missouri is prohibited by the Missouri Wildlife Code (3 CSR 10-9).

(9) Poultry.

(A) Out-of-state live poultry (except those consigned directly to slaughter) shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or a VS Form 9-3 (see 2 CSR 30-2.040). If a VS Form 9-3 is used, a signed and dated owner/shipper statement must be included stating that to his/her best knowledge, the birds are healthy. Poultry known to be infected with pullorum or typhoid that are consigned directly to slaughter must be identified as such by the consignor.

(B) Out-of-state live poultry entering Missouri must be tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within the past ninety (90) days or originate from a flock approved by the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) or an equivalent program which has been tested within the past twelve (12) months with no change of ownership.

(C) All hatching eggs must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection certifying the eggs to be from pullorum-free flocks or by a VS Form 9-3.

(D) Out-of-state poultry and hatching eggs moving through a Missouri livestock market/sale require an entry permit prior to shipment. Annual entry permits shall be issued by the department to participants in the NPIP or an equivalent program. Producers not approved by NPIP or an equivalent program must request a permit with each shipment.


2 CSR 30-6.030 Bonding (Surety) Requirements for Livestock Market Licensees

PURPOSE: This rule sets forth procedures for establishing proper surety coverage for licensees defined in Chapter 277, RSMo.

(1) Bonding Requirements. Every person subject to the provisions of Chapter 277, RSMo shall provide proof of a satisfactory bond in the amount specified by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Packers and Stockyards Administration or the state veterinarian before receiving a license. In lieu of any bond, persons may substitute any instrument of financial security approved by the USDA Packers and Stockyards Administration.

(2) All surety bonds and certificates of deposit shall name the state veterinarian as trustee or beneficiary. Letters of credit shall name the state veterinarian and the issuing...
financial institution as co-trustees. For livestock markets or sales whose corporate head-quarters are located in another state, it is not required that the state veterinarian act as beneficiary or trustee, although proof of adequate bonding must be submitted with the application for a license. These bonds shall be in favor of Missouri with the director as trustee for the benefit of all persons selling livestock to the livestock market/sale and their legal representatives, attorneys or assigns, and shall be dependent upon the following:

(A) The livestock market/sale as a buyer must pay to the seller the agreed upon purchase price of the livestock purchased from the seller;

(B) The livestock markets/sales must faithfully perform their duties as licensed livestock markets/sales and comply with Chapter 277, RSMo and its corresponding rules. This rule applies to purchases made from the effective date of the bond until official cancellation of the bond;

(C) A surety bond required by section 277.080, RSMo shall be effective on the date of issue, not affected by the expiration of the license, and shall continue in effect until cancelled. The continuous nature of a bond however, in no event shall allow the liability of a surety under a bond to accumulate for each successive license period during which the bond is in force, but limited in the aggregate to the amount stated on the bond, or as changed, from time-to-time, by appropriate endorsement or rider;

(D) The required bond shall be kept in force at all times while conducting business as a licensed livestock market or sale. Failure to keep that bond in force is cause for revocation of the license and the market/sale is subject to the penalties provided in this chapter. No market/sale shall cancel an approved bond without the prior written approval of the state veterinarian and the state veterinarian’s approval of a substitute bond;

(E) Upon written demand of the state veterinarian for payment, either the surety shall pay over to the state veterinarian the sum demanded up to the full face amount of the bond or shall deposit the sum demanded in an interest-bearing escrow account at the highest rate of interest available. When a surety pays the state veterinarian upon demand, the state veterinarian shall set a date for an informal conference to allow the parties to discuss the claim. If the surety pays as demanded and the parties or a court of law determines the surety is not liable, the state veterinarian shall return to the surety the sum paid to the state veterinarian plus all accumulated interest, or any pro rata part of the sum, plus interest, as applicable in the event of liability less than the sum demanded. If the surety chooses to deposit the demanded sum in an interest-bearing escrow account and upon the exhaustion of appeals, if any, the surety immediately shall pay to the state veterinarian for distribution to claimants the amount for which the surety is determined to be liable plus accumulated interest on that amount;

(F) Every bond filed shall contain a provision that the principal or surety company cannot cancel the bond except upon ninety (90) days’ prior notice in writing, by certified mail, to the state veterinarian at the Jefferson City office. When a surety gives notice of cancellation, a copy of that notice shall be mailed to the principal by certified mail on the same day. The cancellation does not affect the liability accumulated or which may accumulate under that bond before the expiration of the ninety (90) days. The notice shall contain the termination date. If notice procedures are not followed, the bond shall remain in effect until properly cancelled;

(G) Whenever the state veterinarian receives notice from a surety that it intends to cancel the bond of a livestock market or sale, the state veterinarian shall automatically suspend the market/sale license if a new bond is not submitted to the state veterinarian within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the notice of intent to cancel. If a new bond is not received within eighty (80) days of receipt of the notice of intent to cancel, the state veterinarian shall revoke the market/sale license. The state veterinarian may cause an inspection of the livestock market/sale at the end of the eighty (80)-day period. That inspection may be in favor of Missouri with the director as trustee for the benefit of all persons selling livestock to the livestock market/sale by advertising for the same in local news media; and

(H) Verbal or written surety bond binders issued by a surety on behalf of a livestock market/sale for original or replacement bonds are recognized as legally effective in Missouri when those binders meet the following conditions:

1. The licensee or principal has paid, or has promised to pay, the surety a tentatively agreed upon premium or other consideration; and

2. A surety provides the state veterinarian, either in writing or verbally—

A. A bond number;

B. The amount of the bond;

C. The effective date of the bond; and

D. Assurance that the person providing the preceding information has authority to commit the surety. The state veterinarian may or may not accept this binder, depending on the particular circumstances involved and consistent with the orderly administration of this rule.

(3) Provisions and rules on bonds will also apply to certificates of deposit and irrevocable letters of credit, with the exception that a letter of credit may only be cancelled on its natural termination date.

(A) Any certificate of deposit submitted instead of a surety bond required under section 277.080, RSMo shall be filed with the state veterinarian as trustee for the benefit of all persons selling livestock to the livestock market/sale. The certificate of deposit shall be kept in the custody of the state veterinarian.

(B) A licensee may submit instead of a bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, payable to the state veterinarian or the issuing financial institution for the benefit of claimants and issued by a federally- or state-chartered bank. If the state veterinarian finds that the issuing bank is or may become insolvent, or for any other reason may be unable to honor the terms of the letter of credit, the state veterinarian may refuse to accept a letter of credit instead of the bond required by this rule if the state veterinarian finds that the issuing bank is or may become insolvent, or for any other reason may be unable to honor the terms of the letter of credit. The state veterinarian may require an issuing bank to submit evidence of its financial condition and the state veterinarian may seek the cooperation of the Division of Finance in checking the financial condition of an issuing bank. The state veterinarian shall promulgate all necessary rules regarding certificates of deposit and irrevocable letters of credit.

(C) On written demand of the state veterinarian for payment, the bank either shall pay over to the state veterinarian the sum demanded, up to the full face value of the irrevocable letter of credit, or shall deposit the sum demanded in an escrow account at the highest rate of interest available. Upon receipt of funds and the determination that the bank is not liable for claims against the irrevocable letter of credit, the state veterinarian shall return to the bank the sum paid to the state veterinarian and all accumulated interest earned, minus any penalties due or paid. If the liability is less than the sum demanded, the state veterinarian shall return the proper pro rata portion of the funds received and interest earned as applicable.

(4) Amount of bond or surety will vary based upon the following criteria:

(A) Each market/sale licensed under Chapter 277, RSMo that does not meet USDA Packers and Stockyards Administration criteria either in volume or type of livestock sold
must carry a minimum ten thousand dollar ($10,000) surety bond or like security; and

(B) Those markets/sales which exceed two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) of business in the preceding year shall add to the ten thousand dollar ($10,000) bond with an amount to equal two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the dollar volume over two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000), rounded to the nearest ten thousand dollars ($10,000).
