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UNIFORM METHODS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF BOVINE LEUKOSIS VIRUS-FREE HERDS BY THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

These Bovine Leukosis Virus Methods and Rules (BLV-UMR) for the establishment and maintenance of cattle herds as Missouri Designated Free of Bovine Leukosis Virus (BLV).

The purpose of designating cattle herds free of BLV is to reduce economic loss and qualify such herds for the export of cattle to countries requiring certification of herd status relative to BLV.

The recognized test(s) for the presence of BLV for the purposes of these methods and rules shall be any test(s) approved by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and so designated by the State Veterinarian of Missouri.

For the purpose of these methods and rules, herd shall be defined as any grouping of one or more animals maintained on a common ground, geographically separated from all other cattle at all times with separated feed, water and drainage systems. All additions to this herd must be in accordance with Part II, Section 1, of these methods and rules.

PART I - QUALIFYING THE HERD

1. Each bovine animal in the herd, over 8 months of age, shall be tested with the recognized and approved test(s).
2. Two negative tests at more than 90 day intervals shall be required before a herd may be designated "BLV-Free."

PART II - MAINTAINING BLV-FREE STATUS

1. No test is required for additions from a designated BLV-Free herd.
2. Additions from a non-designated free herd shall be negative to one test within 30 days prior to entry to a designated free herd. Animals shall be held individually or in a group, separate and apart from other cattle and in absence to exposure to any BLV infected animals and they must pass one negative test 60 to 90 days after entering the herd.
3. Redesignation of a BLV-Free herd shall be annually.
4. For a herd to be redesignated BLV-Free, all members of the herd that are 18 months of age and older must be tested negative no more than 30 days prior to or 60 days beyond the anniversary date of the initial designation of the herd as BLV-Free.

I certify that the animals appearing on the current herd test are in compliance with all terms of the individual BLV-Free Herd Plan and the certification requirements listed above.

DATE SIGNED	VETERINARIAN SIGNATURE		
FARM/RANCH NAME (IF ANY)	OWNER SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	
TOWN/CITY	ZIP CODE	STATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER