

1 Board of Animal Health

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3 Adopted Rules Governing Official Identification Tags and Brands  
4 (3 MCAR § 2.062)

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6 Rules as Adopted

7 3 MCAR S 2.062 Official identification tags and brands.

8 A. Definition. For the purposes of this rule, "official  
9 identification tag" means a metal identification eartag  
10 conforming to the nine-character alpha-numeric National Uniform  
11 Eartagging System, contained in chapter 1, part I, paragraph M,  
12 of the Brucellosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, May 1,  
13 1982 edition, issued by the United States Department of  
14 Agriculture. It provides unique identification for each  
15 individual animal.

16 B. Sale and application. Official identification tags may  
17 be sold only to veterinarians accredited under Code of Federal  
18 Regulations, title 9, section 160.1(d.), and may be applied only  
19 by or under the direct supervision of an accredited  
20 veterinarian. This requirement does not apply to official  
21 identification tags issued to artificial insemination  
22 technicians, identified as 41XAA through 41XZZ, or issued to the  
23 Dairy Herd Improvement Association, identified as 41WAA through  
24 41WZZ.

25 C. Other tags prohibited. Every person applying eartags to  
26 cattle for purposes of compliance with rules of the Board of  
27 Animal Health shall use official identification tags.

28 D. Animals with existing tags. When an animal is already  
29 identified by an official identification tag, that tag number  
30 must be recorded for official records and another official  
31 identification tag may not be applied, except when the owner of  
32 an animal already identified by an official identification tag  
33 wants the animal identified by an official vaccination  
34 identification tag at the time of the animal's vaccination  
35 against brucellosis.

36 E. Removal prohibited; exception. No person may remove

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1 official identification tags, market cattle testing tags, or leg  
2 bands, or efface brands approved and registered by the Board of  
3 Animal Health under Minn. Stat. S 35.822, except that market  
4 cattle testing tags may be removed by a veterinarian securing a  
5 blood sample for a brucellosis test.

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7 Repealer. Rule LSB 62 of the Board of Animal Health is repealed.