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FIRST MODIFICATION TO CONTROL ORDER RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF DAIRY CATTLE INTO DELAWARE DUE TO THE UNUSUAL DAIRY CATTLE MORBIDITY EVENT

This current modification to the Control Order Restricting Movement of Dairy Cattle into Delaware due to the unusual dairy cattle morbidity event issued on April 15, 2024, supersedes the previous Control Order (DDA-24-CO-01) issued under the authority of the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

In February 2024, an unknown disease affecting dairy cattle causing decreased lactation, low appetite, thickened colostrum-like milk, and other clinical signs was identified in Texas. Herds with these signs have tested positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in individual cows and/or the milk. As of April 15, 2024, the states of Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Michigan, Idaho, Ohio, South Dakota, and North Carolina have confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in dairy cattle.

Under the authority granted in 3 Del. C. § 7101, the Delaware Department of Agriculture has issued this control order restricting the movement of dairy cattle into Delaware, specifically:

- **No dairy cattle from a state with an affected herd, as described above, shall be allowed to move into Delaware until further notice. If any cattle from an affected premises exhibit these signs, all cattle in that state shall be restricted.**
- **No dairy cattle shall be allowed to move into Delaware from any unaffected state if the herd has imported cattle from a state with an affected herd within the last 30 days.**
- **All dairy cattle require a signed health certificate within 48 hours of entry into Delaware, including dairy cattle being brought into Delaware to be sold. Upon arrival, all dairy cattle will be quarantined for 30 days.**
- **All parties selling and buying dairy cattle of any age must provide their name and address to allow for the traceability of said cattle in the event there is an animal health emergency in Delaware related to the unusual dairy cattle morbidity event occurring in parts of the U.S.**

Authorized By:

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