ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE

STATE QUARANTINE OFFICER

LCB File No. R003-02

Effective May 6, 2002

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 587.360.

**Section 1.** NAC 587.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

587.340 1. The fees for the inspection and certification of potatoes at their point of

shipping will be determined by agreement between the state quarantine officer and the processor

of the potatoes. If those fees will exceed \$2,000 in a 30-day period, the processor of the potatoes

must provide to the department a surety bond or another form of security that is satisfactory to

the director to guarantee the payment of the fees for the 30-day period immediately succeeding

the date the security is provided. The fees will not be less than:

(a) The actual cost of providing the inspection and certification services; and

(b) The fee charged in accordance with the contract between the department and the Federal

Government for certifying that the potatoes comply with the standards and conditions established

by the Federal Government.

2. The fees for the inspection and certification of onions at their point of shipping:

(a) Are:

(1) Twenty dollars for each hour the inspector spends conducting the inspection and

certification, including the time spent traveling to and from the location where the inspection and

certification are conducted;

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- (2) Forty cents a mile for the inspector's travel; and
- (3) The fee charged in accordance with the contract between the department and the Federal Government for certifying that the onions comply with the standards and conditions established by the Federal Government; and
- (b) Must be secured by providing to the department a surety bond or another form of security that is satisfactory to the director to guarantee the payment of the fees for the 90-day period immediately succeeding the date the security is provided.
  - 3. The fees for the inspection and certification of hay are:
- (a) If the inspection and certification are performed by an inspector who is a full-time agent or employee of the department:
- (1) Twenty dollars for each hour the inspector spends conducting the inspection and certification, including the time spent traveling to and from the location where the inspection and certification are conducted; and
  - (2) Forty cents a mile for the inspector's travel; or
- (b) If the inspection is performed by an inspector who is a part-time agent or employee of the department:
- (1) An amount equal to the hourly salary and benefits paid to the inspector for the number of hours that the inspector spent conducting the inspection and certification; and
- (2) The travel expenses provided for state employees generally for the inspector while conducting the inspection and certification.

In addition to the fees required by paragraph (a) or (b), the state quarantine officer will charge a fee of \$50 for the inspection of forage.

- 4. The fees for the inspection and certification of poultry or eggs at their point of shipping are:
- (a) If the poultry or eggs are certified as meeting state standards and conditions, \$20 per hour; or
- (b) If the poultry or eggs are certified as meeting federal standards and conditions, the fee charged in accordance with the contract between the department and the Federal Government for certifying that the poultry or eggs comply with the standards and conditions established by the Federal Government.
- 5. The fee for an inspection of fruit or vegetables regarding their condition is \$20 per hour, plus 40 cents a mile for the inspector's travel.
- 6. Special arrangements, including arrangements for fees, must be made with the state quarantine officer for the inspection of agricultural products for processing. The fees for such an inspection must be secured by providing to the department a surety bond or another form of security that is satisfactory to the director to guarantee the payment of the fees for the 90-day period immediately succeeding the date the security is provided.
- 7. If the state quarantine officer or his designee, pursuant to a contract between the department and the Federal Government, inspects agricultural products in the field for the purpose of issuing a phytosanitary certificate required by the government of a foreign country before those agricultural products may be exported to that country, the state quarantine officer will impose a fee of \$4 per acre for the inspection.
- 8. If the state quarantine officer or his designee, pursuant to a contract between the department and the Federal Government, issues an export certificate for processed plant products

as required by the government of a foreign country before agricultural products that have been processed or manufactured may be exported to that country, the state quarantine officer:

- (a) Will impose a fee of \$25 if the shipment of agricultural products is made for commercial purposes; and
- (b) Will not impose a fee if the shipment of agricultural products is made for noncommercial purposes.
  - 9. As used in this section:
- (a) "Export certificate for processed plant products" has the meaning ascribed to it in 7 C.F.R. § 353.1.
  - (b) "Phytosanitary certificate" has the meaning ascribed to it in 7 C.F.R. § 353.1.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION LCB File No. R003-02

On March 21, 2002, the Nevada Board of Agriculture adopted regulations assigned LCB file number R003-02 which pertain to chapter 587 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

Notice date: 1/3/2002 Date of adoption by agency: 3/21/2002

**Hearing date:** 2/5/2002 **Filing date:** 5/6/2002

## INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

1. Public workshops was held at the following locations:

Place	Date	Number attended	Testified
Winnemucca	Tuesday, January 22, 2002	2	0
Elko	Tuesday, January 22, 2002	9	0
Eureka	Wednesday, January 23, 2002	5	0
Ely	Wednesday, January 23, 2002	4	0
Caliente	Thursday, January 24, 2002	9	0
Tonopah	Friday, January 25, 2002	12	0
Yerington	Monday, January 28, 2002	1	0
Gardnerville	Wednesday, January 30, 2002	3	0
Fallon	Thursday, January 31, 2002	2	0

2. A public hearing was held on February 5, 2002, in Reno, Nevada, at the Nevada Department of Agriculture Office, 350 Capitol Hill Avenue.

Notice of workshop and notice of hearing was posted at all six Department offices, the Nevada State Library in Carson City, Nevada, and all Nevada county libraries. The notice of workshop and hearing was posted on the Department's web site. Copies could be requested from the Nevada Department of Agriculture by writing to 350 Capitol Hill Avenue, Reno, Nevada, 89502, calling (775) 688-1180, contacting all other Department offices, the Nevada State Library in Carson City, and all Nevada county libraries. All persons who have requested to be notified of amendments were notified by fax or e-mail.

3. Workshops held January 22, 23,24 25, 28, 30, and 31, 2002.

Number attended:	47
Number testified:	0
No written statements were submitted:	0

Summary of comments: None.

4. Hearing held February 5, 2002– Reno

Number attending: 0
Number testifying: 0
Number of written statements submitted: 0

5. Comments were solicited from business and the public by posting in public locations and through direct fax and e-mail notices as outlined in #1 above. A copy of the comments and oral and written testimony may be obtained by calling the Nevada Department of Agriculture office, (775) 688-1180.

The Nevada Board of Agriculture adopted the amendments without changes.

- 6. The economic effects of the adopted amendments on the business which it is to regulate include:
  - a. Adverse effects:

None, weed free hay certification is voluntary.

b. Beneficial effects:

Hay producers can have the hay they produce certified as weed free. The certification provides added value to the hay produced.

- c. Immediate and long-term economic effects:

  The adverse and beneficial effects are the same for immediate and long-term.
- 7. Economic effects of the proposed amendments on the public include:
  - a. Adverse effects:

None

b. Beneficial effects:

The prevention of additional noxious weeds infesting public lands will prevent adverse, economic and environmental effects caused by them.

- c. Immediate and long-term economic effects:

  The adverse and beneficial effects are the same for the immediate and long-term.
- 8. Economic cost to the agency for the enforcement of the regulation:

There will not be any additional cost to the agency to enforce the amendments adopted.

9. There are no other state or federal agency regulations which the adopted amendments overlap or duplicate.

- 10. The amendments adopted do not include any provisions more stringent than any federal regulation with the same activity.
- 11. This regulation does establish a fee of \$50 for weed free forage inspection.

Approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000 will be collected from these fees. The fee funds will be used to pay the cost of printing forms and records.