## RESOLUTION RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE FORM G INSPECTION FOR NORTHEAST WYOMING RANCHERS TO OUT OF STATE MARKETS

WHEREAS the use of Form G transportation certificates to transport livestock to out of state markets by the Northeastern Wyoming ranchers is under question; and

WHEREAS it is economically unfeasible to hire enough brand inspectors to inspect and write Form A inspections for all the livestock leaving Northeastern Wyoming; and

WHEREAS in consideration of the ranchers of Northeastern Wyoming, the inconvenience of Form A inspection is unacceptable and will cause undue hardships on the ranchers; and

WHEREAS the ranchers would be subject to an inspection by both Wyoming and out of state inspectors under Form A inspection, this would be a double inspection fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Weston County Commissioners; that the ranchers of Northeastern Wyoming be allowed to retain the present Form G inspection to out of state markets and retain the present reciprocal agreement with South Dakota and other state brand inspectors.

DATED this 19th day of May, 1987.

WESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Indications suggest this alternative is agreeable to South Dakota, as well as the Wyoming producers. It is implied that a fee would be charged by both Wyoming and South Dakota, as is the case in other states. It is not intended that this option would include Montana markets, since there has been little concern expressed over the closing of those markets to Form G transportation certificates.

As the agency under contract, we obviously will follow the guidelines adopted by the Wyoming Livestock Board. We offer the aforementioned alternative only as a possible means of solving the present furor, for your review.

Whatever your decision, and with advice from you relative to proper legal procedure, we are prepared to cancel our reciprocal agreements at your direction. Please advise us as to your wishes as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

/A. Jim Berger, President

WYOMING STOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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cc: -Governor Mike Sullivan

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May 7, 1987

Ms. Grayce Miller Wyoming Livestock Board 65 S. Main Buffalo, Wyoming 82834

## Dear Grayce:

The Wyoming Stock Growers Association has received notice of your intent to eliminate use of Form G transportation certificates to out-of-state markets. As the contract agency, this will require that we offer sixty day notice of cancellation of our present reciprocal agreements with South Dakota and Montana.

At present, we are unsure of our position relative to hearings under the Administrative Procedures Act. We do not wish to act prematurely in cancellation of the agreements, but realize time is of the essence if we are to be able to meet your deadline of July 1, 1987.

We have received considerable pressure from several sources to pursue or consider alternatives to the proposed action. As such, we would like to offer one such proposal for your consideration.

In discussions with Governor Sullivan, industry leaders and inspection personnel in the area, it has been suggested we may be able to strike a balance between all parties by placing Wyoming brand inspectors in the South Dakota livestock markets on sale days. This would enable us to address several of the Board's goals, and some of the concerns being aired from the industry as well:

- All Wyoming cattle would be inspected individually, in the same manner as cattle are inspected at Wyoming markets after transportation through the use of Form G certificates.
- 2. Fees would be collected on all cattle inspected, and remitted back to Wyoming, including beef checkoff fees.
- Use of inspectors at the terminal markets would save considerable expense, as opposed to hiring additional country inspectors.