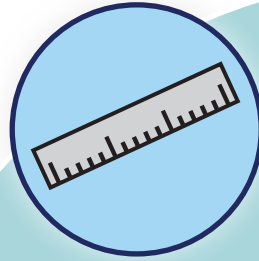


NOTICE: EUTHANIZED LIVESTOCK/HORSES USING BARBITURATES

Effective July 30, 2020 all animals (not including domestic dogs, cats, and pet birds) euthanized with Barbiturates **must be marked with an Orange B on the forehead** at the time of euthanasia so that animals do not get rendered into animal feed or pet food.



No less than four (4) inches in height unless the area to be marked is less than four (4) inches, in which case, the mark shall be as large as possible.

Legible at a distance of not less than ten (10) feet.



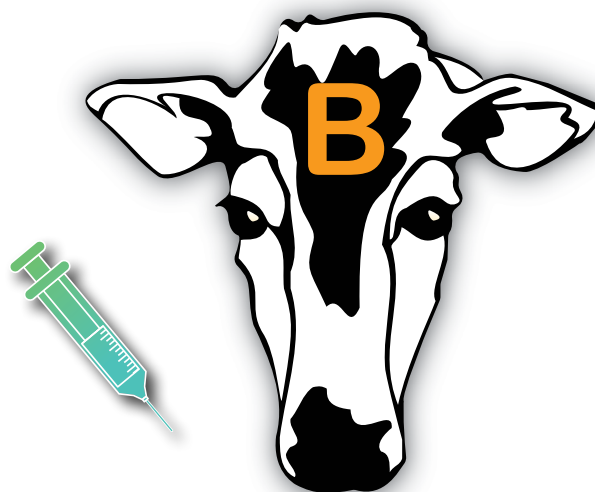
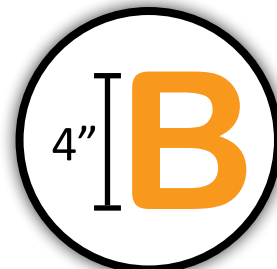
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The Orange “B”: Use for Euthanized Animals Only

Effective July 30, 2020 animals (not including domestic dogs, cats, and pet birds) euthanized with Barbiturates must be marked with an Orange B on the forehead, at least 4 inches in height, at the time of euthanasia. Producers wanting to avoid confusion with rendering pickup should avoid using a “B” in orange paint anywhere on the animal to indicate “beef cow”, “bucket cow” or Banamine.

The marking of animals is critical so that animals euthanized with Barbiturate do not get rendered into animal feed or pet food. Rendering of dead animals is an important method of carcass management, preventing animal carcasses from being sent to a landfill. For additional information please contact the Meat, Poultry and Egg Safety Branch.




Avoid marking the animal with the letter B for any other reason, in any other location.



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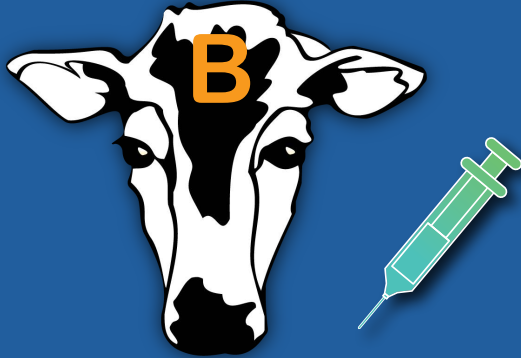
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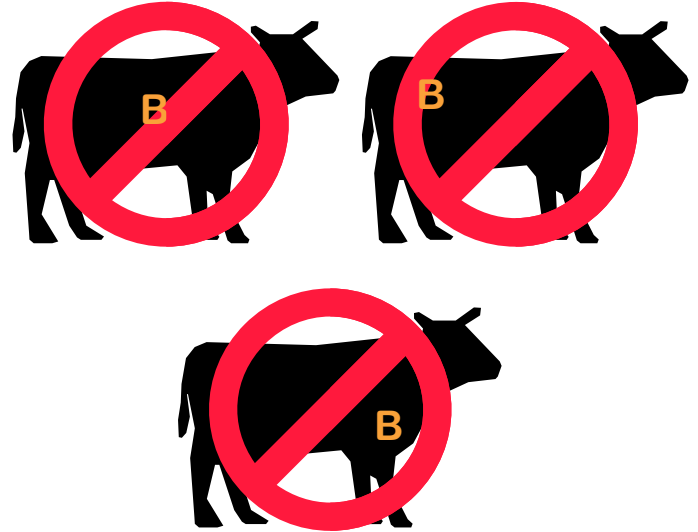


California law* requires that animals euthanized with Barbiturates (not including domestic dogs, cats, and pet birds), be marked with an orange B on the forehead at least 4 inches in height.


Producers should avoid marking the animal with the letter B for any other reason, in any other location.

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Incorrect Markings



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