

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES
ADMINISTRATIVE CODECHAPTER 80-3-21
BRANDING OF LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

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80-3-21-.01 Purpose.

Pursuant to §§2-15-20 et. seq, in order to facilitate the tracing and identification of lost, stolen or estrayed livestock and afford protection against the theft and unlawful dealing, handling or movement of livestock, including a system for brand registrations, transfer of brands, reregistrations and standards or requirements for brands acceptable for registration the following Rules and Regulations have been promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries and approved by the State Board of Agriculture and Industries.

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80-3-21-.02 Definitions.

When used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) BRAND - Any recorded identification mark applied to any position on the hide of livestock by means of heat, acid or a chemical, except numbers used to keep production records or record of age. The word "brand" shall also mean and include tattoo marks on the hide or in the ear of livestock.

(2) LIVESTOCK- Cattle, swine, sheep, goats, equidae, ratites and poultry.

(3) PERSON- Any individual, partnership, corporation or association.

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**Requirements For Registration Of Brands By
Livestock Owners.**

(a) Any livestock owner who uses a brand to identify his livestock must register such brand by applying to the department for registration of his brand. The application shall be made on forms prescribed and furnished by said department, which application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00 for the first position on the animal on which the brand appears and a fee of \$4.00 for each additional position of the animal on which the brand appears. A facsimile of the brand to be registered shall also be furnished by the applicant. If the brand described in the application or one similar or closely resembling a registered brand has not been previously registered by another livestock owner and such brand complies with standards and requirements of brands acceptable for registration as prescribed by the board pursuant to regulations, then the department shall approve the application, register the brand in the name of the applicant and issue to such applicant a certificate of registration. In the event the department denies registration of a brand for any reason, the registration fee of \$10.00 shall be returned to the person making application for registration.

(b) When a livestock owner who has registered a brand with the department transfers such brand to another, he shall immediately notify the department of the transfer, giving the date of transfer, brand identity and the name of the transferee. Upon receipt of the notice of transfer and a transfer fee of \$10.00, the department shall cause such transfer to be made in its register of brands, and such brand shall not be used by the new owner until permission has been given by the department for use of such brand.

(c) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to require any owner of livestock to brand his livestock unless he voluntarily elects to do so in which event he shall be required to comply with the registration requirements of this article.

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