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- 1. This policy shall supersede the present tuberculosis policy that was implemented on 24 June 1985.
- 2. This policy shall come into force with immediate effect and shall hereinafter be reffered as Tuberculosis Policy (1993).
- 3. Whereas it is desireable for all livestock in Sabah to be declared free of tuberculosis, the tuberculosis testing programme will be initially confined to the dairy cattle population ,and then subsequently extend to beff cattle, buffalo, goat and pigs.
- 4. All dairy cattle in the state of Sabah shall be tested annually. All beef belonging to the department shall also tested annually.
- 5. The Caudal Fold Intradernal Tuberculin Test shall be employed as the official first test. **The Single Intradernal Comparative Tubercullin Test** shall be employed as the official second and third test.
- 6. Any cattle yhat shown a negative **reaction to the first shall** be considered a **Negative Reactor** and does **not require any futher** testing. Any cattle that react **positively to this first** test shall be tested again using the single intradernal comparative **tuberculin test at the neck region** to eliminate non-specific reactor due to avian type of tubercle bacillus. This test shall be carried out 2 month after the first test.
- 7. Any cattle that produces a positive reaction again on the second test shall be considered a Positive Reactor. Any cattle that produced a negative reaction again a **Negative Reactor**. Any cattle that produces an inconclusive reaction on the second test shall be tested for the third time using the single intradernal comprative tuberculin test 2 month after the second test.
- 8. Any cattle that produces a positive or inconclusive reaction on the third test shall be considered a **Positive Reactor**. Any cattle that produces negative reactor to the test shall be considered a **Negative Reactor**.
- 9. Positive reactor shall be culled.
- 10. In the case of positive reactor belonging to private farm the department will provide a replacement in the kind in exchange for each positive reactor. The positive reactor thereafter shall become thr legal property of the department and shall be culled.
- 11. In view of the veterinary public health significance, it is recommended that all personnel directly involved in handling dairy cattle as well as in the production and processing of dairy product should be tested for tuberculosis annually by a qualified medical practitioner.
- 12. The Epidemiology Section of the Animsl Disease Research center In Kepayan shall be responsible to coordinate all efforts for this tuberculosis testing program.
- 13. The Wilayah vetenary officers shall be responsible to conduct the annual tuberculosis test for all the catlle in their respective regionb. All test result shall be transcribed into the official test form report from an forword to the Epidemiolgy Section og the Animal Disease Research Centre by 30th November of each year.



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