



Tuberculosis Policy (1993)

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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 referred as **Tuberculosis Policy (1993)**.
3. Whereas it is desirable 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 beef 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 be tested annually.
5. The Caudal Fold Intradernal Tuberculin Test shall be employed as the official first test. **The Single Intradernal Comparative Tuberculin Test** shall be employed as the official second and third test.
6. Any cattle that show a negative **reaction to the first test** shall be considered a **Negative Reactor** and does **not require any further** 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 months 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 comparative tuberculin test 2 months 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 the 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 Animal Disease Research Center in Kuching shall be responsible to coordinate all efforts for this tuberculosis testing program.
13. The Wilayah veterinary officers shall be responsible to conduct the annual tuberculosis test for all the cattle in their respective regions. All test results shall be transcribed into the official test form report from an forward to the Epidemiology Section and the Animal Disease Research Centre by 30th November of each year.



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