

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES**

**CHAPTER 0080-2-4
REMOVAL OF IDENTIFICATION FROM CATTLE**

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- (1) Whereas the maintenance of identification of cattle in trade channels has been shown to be essential to the success of efforts to control or eradicate brucellosis, tuberculosis, and other diseases of cattle in Tennessee; no person, except as exempted herein, shall remove backtags, ear tags, or other official identification from any cattle in Tennessee markets or other assembly points, or from any cattle which are in trade channels within the state.

(a) *Exemptions:*

1. Removal of backtags or sale tags by farmers who have purchased cattle for breeding, feeding or grazing for a period of sixty (60) days or more. "Farmer," for purposes of this regulation, shall mean a person whose dealings in cattle consist of at least ninety percent (90%) breeding, feeding, or grazing cattle for periods of sixty (60) days or more and of not more than ten (10) percent buying and selling cattle retained for less than sixty (60) days.
2. Cattle less than one (1) year of age.
3. Duly authorized state or federal employees.

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