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STATE of NEBRASKA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

LINCOLN  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, Federal regulations expressly prohibit the use of Chloramphenicol in meat-, milk- or egg-producing animals; and

WHEREAS, Chloramphenicol, even in small dosage, can cause aplastic anemia in humans and result in death; and

WHEREAS, The United States Food and Drug Administration has determined that food animals which have been exposed to Chloramphenicol may pose a health hazard to humans upon consumption; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations specifically state that the length of time that residues of Chloramphenicol persist in animal tissues or milk has not been determined; and

WHEREAS, Chloramphenicol can only be used in animals by prescription of a licensed veterinarian; and

WHEREAS, Any commercial distribution within the United States of Chloramphenicol must be labeled and contain a statement that the product is not to be used in animals that are raised for food production; and

WHEREAS The use of Chloramphenicol is permitted in food-producing animals outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, The introduction of animals produced for food from areas outside the United States which permit the use of Chloramphenicol is contrary to Federal Regulations for domestically raised animals for food production and poses a health hazard to the people of Nebraska; and

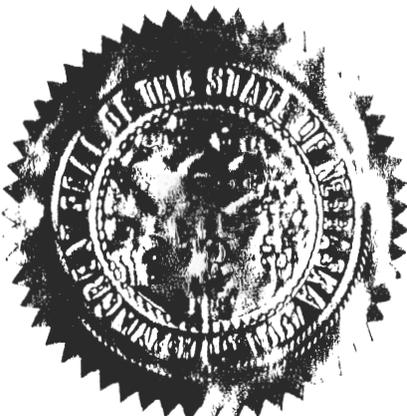
WHEREAS, No verification of the absence of Chloramphenicol in food animals coming into Nebraska is presently required from areas where the use of Chloramphenicol is permitted; and

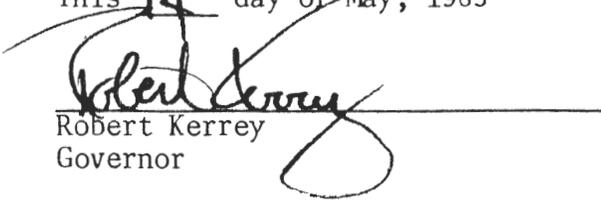
WHEREAS, The risk to human health from the continued introduction of potentially contaminated animals to Nebraska from outside the United States poses a health hazard for Nebraskans:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately, no animals raised for food production shall be permitted to be introduced into the state of Nebraska from any area outside the United States that does not restrict the use of Chloramphenicol, unless and until said animals have been properly certified as to the non-existence of Chloramphenicol in the animal to be produced for food.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that personnel and agents of the Nebraska Department of Health shall cooperate with personnel and agents of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Nebraska State Patrol, enforcing this order and may take appropriate legal action otherwise authorized by law to assure compliance with this order.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Nebraska in the City of Lincoln,  
This 14 day of May, 1985



  
Robert Kerrey  
Governor

Attest:

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Allen Beermann  
Secretary of State