



**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY**  
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**VIA HAND DELIEVERY**

**RE: CASE NO. 18-001**

Mr. Gary Thompson  
456 Gary Thompson Road  
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Dear Mr. Gary Thompson:

This is your formal notice to be present at a hearing of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health at 10:00 AM, May 18, 2018 in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Building, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or such other date and time to which said action may be continued. This hearing is held under the authority of and in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes 3:562, 3:2093 and 49:951, *et seq.* At the hearing, you will be asked to answer allegations that you violated provisions of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health Laws, Rules and/or Regulations. Specifically, the Department is alleging the following violations:

A. One (1) violation of LAC 7:XXI.501 – All livestock brought into the state shall be accompanied by an official health certificate stating that the animals are healthy, free from signs of infectious or contagious diseases and signs of internal and/or external parasites, and meet the specific requirements stated in this regulation. Health certificates are valid for 30 days only. Livestock consigned to an approved slaughter establishment or an approved livestock auction market are exempt from this requirement. No livestock affected with, or carrying the contagion of, screwworms shall be moved into Louisiana for any purpose.

This charge is based on the following: Upon information and belief, Respondent purchased approximately 56 bovine in Florida on or about March 10, 2018, and transported said bovine into Louisiana without an official health certificate stating that the animals are healthy, free from signs of infectious or contagious diseases and signs of internal and/or external parasites and without official Identification of each bovine.

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If you do not wish to contest these charges, you may dispose of same by contacting the Animal Health and Food Safety Division of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry at the number or address included, no later than ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. You are advised that in the event the evidence and testimony submitted at the hearing indicates that you have committed the violation(s), the Commission may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 per violation.

You will be accorded the following rights at the hearing:

1. You may appear on your own behalf, or you may be accorded counsel of your choice at your own expense.
2. You may present and enter into the record evidence on all issues of fact.
3. You may examine the evidence entered into the record by the Louisiana Board of Animal Health and/or the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
4. You may present arguments on all issues of law and fact.
5. You may cross-examine, as appropriate, witnesses who appear for the Louisiana Board of Animal Health and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

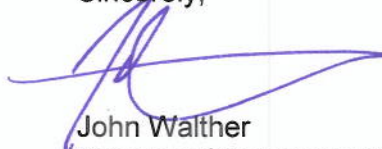
An assistant attorney general will be appointed as hearing officer. That address is Post Office Box 94005, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. The telephone number is (225) 326-6000. You may request information on the issuance of subpoenas from that office.

If you wish to issue subpoenas for the appearance of any person or the production of any records, you should contact the hearing officer two (2) weeks prior to the date of hearing.

If you wish a transcript of the proceedings, you must provide your own court reporter. In an effort to have adequate room for the court reporter, please notify the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry in writing, and to my attention, two (2) weeks prior to date of hearing, if you will be bringing a court reporter to the hearing.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry  
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