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To Persons Harvesting Domesticated Cervine Animals for Human Consumption:

COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (Department) administers and enforces the Animal Health and Disease Control Act (Act), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-2901 to 2957 and the regulations adopted and promulgated under the Act, Title 23, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 21 (Regulations). Section 54-2940(10) of the Act provides that in carrying out its duties to prevent dangerous diseases, the Department may allow for exceptions to requirements by written compliance agreements.

23 NAC 010.08 of the Regulations provides the requirement that a permit holder under the Domesticated Cervine Animal (DCA) Act must have testing done for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) when harvesting such animals for human consumption. Due to the undocumented risk for CWD spreading to humans through consumption of meat from DCA, I am waiving the testing requirement set out in 23 NAC 010.08.

To ask questions concerning this matter, please contact me at roger.dudley@nebraska.gov, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, PO Box 94787, Lincoln, NE 68509-4756 or (402) 471-6837.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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