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Ann E. Mossman, Secretary  
Live Stock Sanitary Board  
of Arizona  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Dear Mrs. Mossman:

We have your letter of December 5, 1945, asking for an opinion on the following question:

"The above sections of the law, of course, are applicable only to 'Range Live Stock'. However, recently unbranded calves have been shipped into Arizona from other states and have been re-sold immediately for veal; in some instances, the animals have not been branded by the Arizona owner and in others they were branded, but were sold before the brand had time to peel. Will you kindly advise what the position of the Inspector is in such cases, in view of the provisions of the foregoing sections of the law? If the persons offering the calves for inspection were able to prove by neighbors or other witnesses that the calves offered for inspection were those imported into the State, would it be contrary to law for the Inspector to grant a certificate of inspection?"

Answering your question, it is our view that Section 50-303, Arizona Code Annotated 1939, applies to all live stock and not only to "Range Stock".

Proof that stock has been shipped into the State does not prove ownership, and it is the intent of the law that anyone claiming any stock identify it by proof or by bill of sale signed by the owner of such live stock.

It is therefore our opinion that under the above-quoted section an inspector is not authorized to grant a certificate of inspection on unbranded hides or live stock unless they are identified by proof or by bill of sale by the owner.

Trusting the above answers your question satisfactorily, we are

Very truly yours,

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