

**STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DONALD L. YORLETS, VMD

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DOCKET NO. 20-21

LICENSE NO. 3417

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY  
MEDICINE**

The State of Maryland Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the veterinary license of Donald L. Yorlets, VMD, (“Dr. Yorlets”), License Number 3417. The Board takes this action pursuant to its authority under the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c)(2)(i) (2104 Repl. Vol., 2018 Supp.) and Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 15.14.02.03C(10), finding that the health, safety, or welfare of animals or individuals imperatively require emergency action.

**ASSERTIONS OF FACT**

Based upon information received by and made known to the Board, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to the Board, including the instances described below, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:

1. At all times relevant to these charges, Dr. Yorlets was and is a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Maryland, where he has been licensed since 1988. Dr. Yorlets is also licensed as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (License No. BV005125L), where he has been licensed since June 18, 1981.
2. Dr. Yorlets’ last known home address on file with the Board is 1025 Group Mill Road, New Oxford, PA 17350.

3. On August 20, 2020, an Information was filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Case 1 20-cr-00194-JPW, charging Dr. Yorlets with Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

4. The information charged, among other things, the following:

- a. That between 2016 and 2019, Dr. Yorlets submitted false blood samples for bovine disease testing and issued false Certificates of Veterinary Inspection;
- b. Dr. Yorlets conspired with two unnamed exporters to avoid disease testing requirements by falsely representing he tested every cow for Bovine Tuberculosis when he did not perform the tests.
- c. The United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) requires cattle transported in certain interstate and foreign commerce to be tested for certain diseases, including Bovine Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bovine Leucosis, and Bovine Viral Diarrhea.
- d. Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis are communicable diseases that can be transmitted under certain circumstances to humans.
- e. Dr. Yorlets also submitted hundreds of non-authentic bovine blood samples to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture testing laboratory in Harrisburg for testing and issued false Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for the untested animals.
- f. The false blood test results and certificates enabled sellers to export quickly hundreds of untested cows to Mexico, Canada, Qatar, and Puerto Rico, thereby reducing expenses incurred in keeping the animals on domestic feeder lots.

5. On August 31, 2020, Dr. Yorlets pleaded guilty to the charges set forth in the Information, thereby acknowledging the truth of the allegations set forth therein. That guilty plea was accepted by the court on the same date.

6. Copies of documents from the United State District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania are included in the attachments to a pleading from Pennsylvania, which is attached as Exhibit A.

7. Under the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article, Section 2-301(b-3)(1), “convicted” includes the acceptance by a court of a defendant’s plea of guilty.

8. Therefore, having pled guilty to the charges in United State District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and having had that guilty plea accepted by a court, Dr. Yorlets has been convicted of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

9. The serious ethical lapse and fraudulent conduct in the course of his practice of veterinary medicine for which Dr. Yorlets has been convicted demonstrate that Dr. Yorlets’ continued practice of veterinary medicine jeopardizes public health and safety.

10. On September 16, 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State, Board of Veterinary Medicine, issued an Order of Temporary Suspension and Notice of Hearing, under which Dr. Yorlets’ license to practice veterinary medicine in Pennsylvania was temporarily suspended. A copy of this document is attached as Exhibit A.

11. A hearing on Dr. Yorlets’ case before the Pennsylvania Board was conducted on October 13, 2020. There has been no final decision in that case, so Dr. Yorlets’ license to practice veterinary medicine in Pennsylvania remains suspended.

12. With his license to practice in Pennsylvania suspended, Dr. Yorlets is even more likely to practice in Maryland, putting the citizens and animals in Maryland at greater risk.

13. Dr. Yorlets has advised the Board that he does performed work for several clients in Maryland on an as needed basis. *See* Letter from Dr. Yorlets, attached as Exhibit B.

14. Board investigators have confirmed that in July and August of 2020, Dr. Yorlets completed health certificates for horse in Maryland.

15. In addition, Dr. Yorlets’s accreditation issued by USDA, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Veterinary Service National Veterinary Accreditation Program has been revoked based upon his criminal conviction. *See* letter from USDA dated September 9, 2020, attached as Exhibit C. USDA reasoned that the actions established in the criminal case demonstrate his lack of honesty, integrity, and reliability to

appropriately and effectively perform accredited duties and uphold the integrity of the National Veterinary Accreditation Program.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing facts, including Dr. Yorlets' conviction for defrauding the United States, the Board concludes that the health, safety, and welfare of animals and individuals imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c) (2)(i). Summary suspension is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of animals that may come into contact with Dr. Yorlets in the practice of veterinary medicine and for the protection of the public, which may be harmed by false and fraudulent misrepresentations made by Dr. Yorlets in the course of his practice.

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is, by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners hereby **ORDERED** that pursuant to the authority vested by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2), Dr. Yorlets' license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland be, and hereby is, **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** effective December 4, 2020; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Yorlets may request within ten (10) calendar days a non-evidentiary hearing before the Board to show cause why the summary suspension should not be continued; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Yorlets may request within ten (10) calendar days an evidentiary hearing before the Board on the merits of the case; and it is further

**ORDERED** that on presentation of this Order, Dr. Yorlets **SHALL SURRENDER** to the Board's Executive Director, his Maryland license to practice veterinary medicine (License No. 3417) as of the date of the summary suspension; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice Veterinary Medicine will be a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101, *et seq.* and § 4-333, as of December 4, 2020.

WITNESS the hand and seal of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, State of

Maryland, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

*Elizabeth Callahan/CDS*

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Exhibit A

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
Bureau of Professional and  
Occupational Affairs

vs.

Donald Lee Yorlets, VMD  
Respondent

Case No. 20-57-010327

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

AND NOW, this 16th day of September 2020, upon review of the Petition for Temporary Suspension (*hereinafter* "Petition") of the License to practice Veterinary Medicine held by Donald Lee Yorlets (*hereinafter* "Respondent"), License No., BV005125L, filed by the Prosecuting Attorney for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State Board of Veterinarian Medicine (*hereinafter Board*) makes the following findings and enters the following Order:

SUSPENSION ORDER

The Board finds the Prosecuting Attorney has alleged facts in the Petition, which, if taken as true, establish at one or more count that the Respondent's continued practice as a veterinarian within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, along with the exercise of any other licenses, registrations, certificates, approvals, authorizations, or permits (*hereinafter referred to collectively as* "authorizations to practice the profession") issued by the Board is and immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. Therefore in accordance with the Act, the Board **ORDERS** that the license to practice as veterinary medicine issued to the Respondent, license number BV005125L, along with all other authorizations to practice the profession issued by the Board to Respondent, are **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** upon the service of this Order. Respondent

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shall surrender his biennial renewal certificate(s) and wallet card(s) (or notarized affidavit of their loss or destruction) to representatives of the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation or the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, immediately upon service of this Order.

### **PRELIMINARY HEARING**

A preliminary hearing shall be scheduled and conducted by the Board or Office of Hearing Examiners to be convened within thirty (30) days from the date of issuance of this Order. The preliminary hearing shall be limited to evidence on the issue of whether there is a *prima facie* case to support the temporary suspension of the Respondent's license and other authorizations to practice the profession issued by the Board. The preliminary hearing will be held at a location designated by the Board or a hearing examiner for the Board.

The Respondent is entitled to be present at the preliminary hearing and may be represented by an attorney, cross-examine witnesses, inspect physical evidence, call witnesses, offer evidence and testimony, and make a record of the proceedings.

If the Board or hearing examiner finds a *prima facie* case is not established, Respondent's license and other authorizations to practice the profession issued by the Board will be immediately restored. If a *prima facie* case is established, the temporary suspension shall remain in effect until vacated by the Board, but in no event longer than 180 days, unless otherwise ordered or agreed to by the participants.

### **ADDITIONAL FORMAL ACTION**

In addition to this temporary suspension proceeding, the prosecuting attorney will commence a separate action to suspend, revoke or otherwise restrict Respondent's license and other authorizations to practice the profession issued by the Board through the filing of a charging document, an Order to Show Cause. The Order to Show Cause may include, but not be limited to,

the facts which were alleged in the Petition for Immediate Temporary Suspension. Any Order to Show Cause filed by the prosecuting attorney will be served upon the Respondent and the Order will direct Respondent to reply to the charges in a written answer within twenty (20) days of the issuance of the Order to Show Cause. A formal hearing on that Order to Show Cause will then be scheduled and conducted by the Board or the Hearing Examiner for the Board.

### **PROCEDURES**

Continuances will be granted for good cause only. A request for a continuance must be filed with the Prothonotary, in writing, at least one (1) week prior to the date of the hearing. The requirement of the one (1) week advance filing of a request for continuance will be waived only upon a showing of good cause. The failure to have an attorney present and a request for continuance to retain an attorney will not be considered a valid reason for the granting of a continuance on the day of the hearing. **A request by the Respondent for an extension of time or a continuance which will delay the preliminary hearing or the formal hearing must be accompanied by the agreement of the Respondent that the 180-day temporary suspension will continue during whatever additional time is necessary to conclude the proceedings.**

All proceedings are conducted in accordance with the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S. §§ 501-508, 701-704; 63 Pa.C.S. Chapter 31, 63 Pa.C.S. §§ 3101-3118; and the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, 1 Pa. Code §§ 31.1-35.251. A record of the hearing will be stenographically prepared by an official reporting service. A copy of the transcript may be secured by personally making arrangements with the reporting service at the time of the hearing.

Any document submitted in this matter must be filed with the Prothonotary for the Department of State via one of the following methods:



**By Mail:**  
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Also, you must send or e-mail a separate copy of any documents submitted in this matter

to the prosecuting attorney named below at:

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Prosecuting Attorney  
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Department of State  
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**BY ORDER:  
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF  
VETERINARY MEDICINE PROBABLE  
CAUSE SCREENING PANEL**

Tom Garg  
Committee Member



APPROVE

DENY

RECUSE

Respondent:

Donald Lee Yorlets  
4698 York Road  
New Oxford, PA 17350

For the Commonwealth:

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State Board of Veterinary Medicine

Tom Davis, Esq. Counsel

Case Number:

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**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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**vs.**

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**Case No. 20- 57-010327**

**PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

AND NOW, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (*hereinafter* "Commonwealth"), by and through its Prosecuting Attorney, Julia A. Feld Caralle, petitions the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (*hereinafter* Board") for the immediate temporary suspension of the license to practice as a veterinarian issued to Donald Lee Yorlets (*hereinafter* "Respondent"), along with any other licenses, registrations, certificates, approvals, authorizations, or permits (*hereinafter* referred to collectively as "authorizations to practice the profession") issued by the Board to Respondent at the time this Petition is granted, pursuant to the Act, and in support thereof alleges as follows:

1. Petitioner is a Prosecuting Attorney for the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, a departmental administrative agency within the Pennsylvania Department of State.
2. Respondent holds license no. BV005125L to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3. Respondent's license was originally issued on June 18, 1981 and will expire on November 30, 2020.
4. Absent further Board action, Respondent's license may be renewed or reactivated upon the filing of the required documentation and payment of fees.

5. At all times herein, Respondent held a license to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

6. Respondent's last known address on file with the Board is 4698 York Road, New Oxford, PA 17350.

### COUNT ONE

7. Paragraphs 1 through 6 are incorporated by reference.

8. On August 20, 2020, an Information was filed in the United State District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Case 1 20-cr00194-JPW, charging Respondent with Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, a violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 371.

9. The information charged, *inter alia*:

a. That between, 2016 and 2019 Respondent submitted false blood samples for bovine disease testing and issued false Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.

b. Respondent conspired with two unnamed exporters to avoid disease testing requirements by falsely representing he tested every cow for Bovine Tuberculosis when he did not.

c. The USDA requires cattle transported in certain interstate and foreign commerce to be tested for certain diseases, including Bovine Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bovine Leucosis, and Bovine Viral Diarrhea.

d. Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis are communicable diseases that can be transmitted under certain circumstances to humans.

e. Respondent also submitted hundreds of non-authentic bovine blood samples to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture testing laboratory in Harrisburg for testing and issued false Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for the untested animals.

f. The false blood test results and Certificates enabled sellers to quickly export hundreds of untested cows to Mexico, Canada, Qatar, and Puerto Rico thereby reducing expenses incurred in keeping the animals on domestic feeder lots.

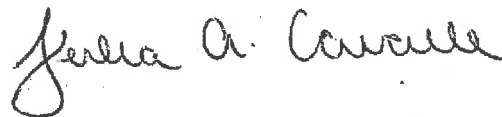
10. On August 31, 2020, Respondent pleaded guilty to the charges set forth in the information.

11. True and correct copies of certified documents from the United State District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

12. Based upon the foregoing factual allegations, the Respondent's continued practice as veterinarian within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, along with the exercise of any other authorizations to practice the profession issued by the Board makes Respondent an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety.

**WHEREFORE**, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board issue an order immediately suspending all of Respondent's authorizations to practice the profession issued by the Board, and in particular, the license to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: License No. BV005125L, pursuant to the authority granted to it pursuant to the Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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Julia A. Feld Caralle  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of State  
P.O. Box 69521  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9521  
(717) 783-7200

Date:

September 16, 2020

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	:	<b>Crim. No.</b>
	:	
v.	:	
	:	(J.        )
<b>DONALD YORLETS,</b>	:	
<b>Defendant</b>	:	

**INFORMATION**

**The U.S. Attorney Charges:**

**COUNT 1  
(Conspiracy To Defraud The United States)**

**Introduction**

1. At all times pertinent to this Information, the defendant, Donald Yorlets, was a Pennsylvania licensed and United States, Department of Agriculture (USDA) accredited veterinarian doing business as Circle Y Veterinary Services, 4698 York Road, New Oxford, PA.
  
2. At all times pertinent to this Information, Individual #1 and Individual #2 owned and operated a livestock exporting business in south central Pennsylvania.



### **The US Department of Agriculture**

3. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) plays a vital role in ensuring the free flow of agricultural trade by keeping U.S. livestock free from pests and diseases. The USDA certifies that millions of agricultural and food products shipped to international markets meet domestic and foreign requirements. This process relies heavily upon the professional services of USDA accredited veterinarians.

### **Bovine Disease Testing**

4. The USDA requires cattle transported in certain interstate and foreign commerce to be tested for certain diseases, including Bovine Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bovine Leucosis, and Bovine Viral Diarrhea. Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis are communicable diseases that can be transmitted under certain circumstances to humans.
5. Bovine Tuberculosis is typically screened for by what is known as a Caudal Fold test administered by a USDA accredited veterinarian. The test entails the injection of a tuberculin substance under the

skin of the cow and the veterinarian's checking the animal for a reaction 72 hours later.

6. Brucellosis, Bovine Leucosis and Bovine Viral Diarrhea are typically tested for by submitting a specimen of the animal's blood to an USDA accredited laboratory for analysis. Each specimen of blood must be taken by or under the direct supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian. Once the veterinarian draws the blood, he places it in a sterile specimen tube and labels it with an identification number for that animal.
7. In Central Pennsylvania the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture operates a USDA accredited laboratory in Harrisburg, PA for the testing of bovine blood, known as the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory (PVL). Once the testing is complete the PVL provides the submitting veterinarian with a report indicating whether the sample submitted was negative or positive for the disease tested.

### **Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**

8. Animals transported in interstate commerce and to Puerto Rico

must be transported with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a USDA accredited veterinarian who must verify that the animals tested negative for Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis.

### **International Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI)**

9. Cattle exported to foreign countries, including Canada, Mexico and Qatar must be transported with an International Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) issued by a USDA accredited veterinarian who verifies that each animal was physically examined and tested negative for either Bovine Tuberculosis, Brucellosis or Bovine Leucosis.

### **USDA Endorsement of the ICVI**

10. In the case of the export of an animal to another country, the certifying veterinarian must also submit the ICVI and supporting documents, including the laboratory test results, to a Regional USDA Endorsement Office for review by an Endorsement Officer. If found to be in order, the ICVI is numbered, counter-signed, and embossed with a seal. A copy of the USDA endorsed IVCI must accompany the animals during transport to the foreign country.

### **Antibody Profile Testing and The NVSL Laboratory**



11. Each cow has a unique Antibody Profile in its blood. While it is theoretically possible that two adult cows could have the same antibody profile, the probability of a random match between two or more cows is extremely small.

12. The USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa conducts Antibody Profile testing of animal blood. In 2017 and 2018 the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory (PVL) sent hundreds of blood specimens to the NVSL for Antibody Profile testing. The specimens had been submitted to the PVL by the defendant for Bovine Brucellosis, Leucosis, or Bovine Viral Diarrhea testing on behalf of the cattle's exporters, Individuals #1 and #2.

**The Conspiracy**

13. Between on or about August of 2016 and on or about October of 2019, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, the defendant,

**DONALD YORLETS,**

did unlawfully combine, agree and conspire with Individuals #1 and #2, and with others, known and unknown, to defraud the United States

Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and the buyers of cattle sold by Individuals #1 and #2.

The defendant and his conspirators defrauded the victims by submitting hundreds of non-authentic, bovine blood samples to the PVL laboratory for testing and by falsely verifying the animals had been tested for Bovine Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bovine Leucosis or Bovine Viral Diarrhea when they had not.

14. The defendant and his conspirators also defrauded the victims by issuing false VCI and IVCI Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for the animals, which IVCI Certificates were submitted to an USDA Endorsement Officer for review and approval. The false Certificates of Veterinary Inspection enabled Individuals #1 and #2 to export the animals to buyers in Mexico, Canada, Qatar, and Puerto Rico.

#### **Overt Acts in Furtherance of The Conspiracy**

15. On numerous and divers occasions the defendant would falsely verify in his Certificates of Veterinary Inspection that cattle intended for sale and transport to Puerto Rico and foreign countries by Individuals #1 and #2 had been tested for Bovine Tuberculosis when, in

fact, no such test had been administered to the animals.

16. On multiple occasions between November of 2016 and April of 2018 Yorlets submitted hundreds of bovine blood specimens to the PVL Laboratory in Harrisburg for Bovine Brucellosis, Leucosis, or Bovine Viral Diarrhea testing. The specimens were submitted by Yorlets on behalf of Individuals #1 and #2, who intended to sell the animals to buyers in Mexico, Canada, Qatar and Puerto Rico.

17. Yorlets did not draw blood from each animal as he was required to do. Instead he drew blood from a small, randomly selected group of animals or animals he knew to be disease free. Yorlets then falsely represented that blood to be the blood drawn from a larger group of animals.

18. After the PVL tested the specimens and provided Yorlets with reports showing the animals were disease free, Yorlets issued false CVIs and false ICVIs for the animals.

19. Yorlets also submitted false ICVI Certificates to a USDA Regional Endorsement Officer for the government's review and approval.

Yorlets would then provide copies of the endorsed ICVIs to Individuals

#1 and #2 so they could sell and transport the animals to Mexico, Qatar and Canada.

20. The following chart summarizes Yorlets' false blood sample submissions to the PVL and false Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.


The chart also summarizes the findings of the NVSL Laboratory regarding its Antibody Profile testing of Yorlets' blood specimens. Out of 804 specimens tested, the NVSL only found 70 unique Antibody Profiles.

Cattle Certified By Yorlets	PVL Tested For	Certificate Date	Certificate Number	Cattle Exported To	NVSL Antibody Profile Testing Date	Samples Sent to NVSL	Samples Tested By NVSL	Unique Antibody Profiles
120	Brucellosis	11/08/16	1714A00249	Mexico	05/09/17	20	10	1
150	Brucellosis	11/23/16	1714A00617	Mexico	06/23/17	150	54	3
200	Brucellosis	11/28/16	1714A00642	Mexico	06/23/17	200	54	3
180	Brucellosis	11/28/16	1717A00643	Mexico	06/23/17	180	54	2
34	Brucellosis	11/28/16	16PA922644	Puerto Rico	06/23/17	34	27	2
32	Brucellosis	12/05/16	16PA925681	Puerto Rico	05/23/17	32	27	1
60	Brucellosis	12/16/16	1714A00797	Mexico	06/23/17	200	54	2
184	Brucellosis	12/16/16	1714A00798	Mexico	05/09/17	44	27	1
36	Brucellosis	01/13/17	16PA929324	Puerto Rico	05/23/17	36	27	1
200	Brucellosis	09/22/17	1714A03115	Mexico	02/08/18	200	27	11

80	Brucellosis	10/02/17	17-CA-004-00028374	Canada	01/19/18	80	18	1
454	Leucosis	04/30/18	1814A01681 Reissue	Qatar	07/18 – 09/18	500	88	10
1,386	Leucosis, Diarrhea	04/30/18	1814AO1671 Reissue	Qatar	07/18 – 09/18	1,759	<u>337</u>	<u>32</u>
							804	70

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

DAVID J. FREED  
 United States Attorney  
 Middle District of Pennsylvania

  
 AUSA Kim Douglas Daniel

Date: August 20, 2020

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Crim. No. 1:20-CR-00194  
: :  
v. : :  
: :  
DONALD YORLETS, : Judge Jennifer P. Wilson

PLEA

AND NOW, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020 the above-captioned defendant hereby pleads guilty to the within Information.

FILED  
HARRISBURG, PA  
AUG 31 2020  
PER JA  
DEPUTY CLERK

Donald Yorlets  
(Defendant's Signature)

[Signature]  
(Defense Counsel)

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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**Case No. 20- 57-010327**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Julia A. Feld Caralle, hereby certify that I have this 16th day of September 2020, caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition and Order of Immediate Temporary Suspension to be served upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Rule 33.31 of the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, 1 Pa. Code § 33.31 (relating to service by the agency).

**PERSONAL SERVICE AND CERTIFIED MAIL, ELECTRONIC RETURN RECEIPT:**

Donald Lee Yorlets  
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New Oxford, PA 17350

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*/s/Julia A. Feld Caralle*  
Julia A. Feld Caralle  
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Exhibit B

**CIRCLE Y VETERINARY SERVICES**

DONALD L. YORLETS, VMD

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NEW OXFORD, PA 17350

Ofc - 717.624.7333 Cell - 717.873.7401 Fax - 717.624.7610

Dear Veterinary Board

I operate Circle Y Veterinary Services in New Oxford, PA 17350. This is a strictly large animal practice. I care for cattle and horses primarily, but I also care for sheep, goats, swine, alpacas and llamas. Presently I am only doing work for three clients in Maryland on an as-needed basis. This would probably average two calls per month. This would have accounted for less than one percent of my gross revenue for 2019.

There has been no significant change to my Maryland practice in the past month. In fact I have not practiced in Maryland since my suspension in Pennsylvania. There are no specific plans to make any changes at the present time. In the past, I had done all types of testing for cattle and horses. This included primarily Brucellosis, BVD, Leucosis, Johnes, Anaplasmosis, Blue Tongue, Leptospirosis, Coggins, and Tuberculosis. Other than a few Coggins, this would have all been performed in Pennsylvania. In regards to public health services the only service that I would have done would have been rabies vaccination for a few dogs and horses along with the accompanying certificates.

Other regulatory things that I have done would include Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for intrastate and interstate shipments and International Certificates of Inspection (ICVI) for cattle exports, the later all being done in Pennsylvania. My accreditation has been permanently revoked and I am no longer permitted to do any of this work.



In regards to approximately how many CVIs I would have issued in Maryland in the past ten years, I would say maybe between fifteen or twenty. I am no longer permitted to do this work. Since my criminal charges, I have been issued a temporary suspension of my Pennsylvania license pending my upcoming hearing on October 13, 2020. I hold no other licenses to practice veterinary medicine.

Regards,

Donald L. Yorlets, VMD

I operate Circle Y Veterinary Services in New Oxford, PA 17350. This is a strictly large animal practice. I care for cattle and horses primarily, but I also care for sheep, goats, swine, alpacas and llamas. Presently I am only doing work for three clients in Maryland on an as-needed basis. This would probably average two calls per month. This would have accounted for less than one percent of my gross revenue for 2019.

There has been no significant change to my Maryland practice in the past month. In fact I have not practiced in Maryland since my suspension in Pennsylvania. There are no specific plans to make any changes at the present time. In the past, I had done all types of testing for cattle and horses. This included primarily Brucellosis, BVD, Leucosis, Johnes, Anaplasmosis, Blue Tongue, Leptospirosis, Coggins, and Tuberculosis. Other than a few Coggins, this would have all been performed in Pennsylvania. In regards to public health services the only service that I would have done would have been rabies vaccination for a few dogs and horses along with the accompanying certificates.

Other regulatory things that I have done would include Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for intrastate and interstate shipments and International Certificates of Inspection (ICVI) for cattle exports, the later all being done in Pennsylvania. My accreditation has been permanently revoked and I am no longer permitted to do any of this work.

In regards to approximately how many CVIs I would have issued in Maryland in the past ten years, I would say maybe between fifteen or twenty. Since my criminal charges, I have been issued a temporary suspension of my Pennsylvania license pending my upcoming hearing on October 13, 2020. I hold no other licenses to practice veterinary medicine.

Regards,

Donald L. Yorlets, VMD



## Exhibit C



September 9, 2020

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Dr. Donald Yorlets

Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection  
Service

Subject: Permanent Revocation of Veterinary Accreditation

Veterinary Services

Dear Dr. Yorlets,

2300 Vartan Way  
Suite 250  
Harrisburg, PA  
17110

This letter is to inform you that your accreditation issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) is automatically revoked as of the date of this notice in accordance with 9 C.F.R. §161.6(e), a federal regulation promulgated pursuant to the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C §8301 et seq.).

(717) 540-2763  
FAX (717) 782-4098

Automatic revocation of your accreditation is based on your criminal conviction in United States of America v. Donald Yorlets (Case 1:20-cr-00194-JPW), in United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania. You were charged and pled guilty to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, part 371, conspiracy to defraud the United States. Your conviction is based on the nonperformance of acts you were required to perform as an accredited veterinarian. In response to the charge for conspiracy to defraud the United States, you admitted that you were an Accredited Veterinarian authorized to issue Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for cattle exported from the United States. In that capacity, from approximately August 2016 and continuing through October 2019, you conspired with other individuals to violate federal laws involving the completion of CVIs and the export of cattle to specific destination countries by issuing false CVIs based on disease testing of bovine blood samples which you knew to be false. From November 2016 through April 2018, 3,435 cattle were exported from the United States to Mexico, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Qatar on these false CVIs.

Your actions in this case demonstrate that you lack the honesty, integrity and reliability to appropriately and effectively perform accredited duties and uphold the integrity of the National Veterinary Accreditation Program. Accordingly, your accreditation is automatically revoked. 9 C.F.R Part 161.6(e). This revocation order is permanent. 9 C.F.R Part 161.6(c).

If you have any questions you may contact me by phone or in writing:

Dr. Michael Kornreich, Area Veterinarian in Charge  
USDA, APHIS, Veterinary services  
2300 Vartan Way, Suite 250  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
(717)540-2763

In accordance with the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary under various statues, 7 C.F.R. Part 1, Subchapter H, you may submit a request for an administrative hearing on this matter to the USDA hearing Clerk: Office of Hearing Clerk,

United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 9203., Room 1031,  
South Building, Washington, DC 20250-9203; Phone: (202) 720-4443; Fax: (202)720-9776;  
[SM.OHA.HearingClerks@oha.usda.gov](mailto:SM.OHA.HearingClerks@oha.usda.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Kornreich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Dr. Michael Kornreich  
USDA, APHIS, VS  
Area Veterinarian in Charge, District 1  
VS, Pennsylvania

cc: State Animal Health Official [this is a requirement of 161.11]