

**74-5,121. Department of agriculture successor to animal health department; application of documentary references and designations; rules and regulations, orders and directives of secretary continued in effect until superseded.**

(a) The animal health commissioner of the Kansas department of agriculture shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Kansas animal health department and the livestock commissioner of the Kansas animal health department in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-5,112 through 74-5,132, and amendments thereto. Every act performed in the exercise of such powers, duties and functions by or under the authority of the secretary of agriculture shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the Kansas animal health department and the livestock commissioner of the Kansas animal health department in which such powers, duties and functions were vested prior to the effective date of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-5,112 through 74-5,132, and amendments thereto.

(b) Whenever the Kansas animal health department or the livestock commissioner of the Kansas animal health department, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract, memorandum of understanding, plan, grant, waiver or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the animal health division of the Kansas department of agriculture or the animal health commissioner under the secretary of agriculture.

(c) All rules and regulations, orders and directives of the livestock commissioner of the Kansas animal health department that are in effect on the effective date of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-5,112 through 74-5,132, and amendments thereto, shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, orders and directives of the animal health division of the Kansas department of agriculture until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law, by the secretary of agriculture.

(d) Before any proposed rules and regulations of the animal health commissioner of the division of animal health of the department of agriculture are submitted to the secretary of administration or the attorney general pursuant to K.S.A. 77-420, and amendments thereto:

- (1) The animal health commissioner shall submit such rules and regulations to the animal health board; and
- (2) the animal health board shall review and make recommendations to the animal health commissioner and the secretary of agriculture regarding such proposed rules and regulations.

**History:** Executive Reorganization Order No. 40, § 10; L. 2011, ch. 135, § 10; July 1.