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To Francis G. Buggell, Chief, Division of Animal Industry
Department of Agriculture

Subject: Interpretation of Section 66 of Chapter 27, R. S. 1944

. . . You ask for an interpretation of the word "control" in the third line of Section 66, and it is my opinion that the word "control" in this connection means that situation where the Federal Government has full control of the cattle being shipped into this State from any other State or country. I do not believe that the meaning should be construed to include cattle imported from Canada and subject to border inspection by the Federal Government, because they do not have control of the cattle in transit. Your department should carry out the provisions of this law and see that the shipments from other countries meet the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Agriculture. You will note the language of the statute in the second line, "from any other state or country," which would cover the Dominion of Canada.

Ralph W. Farris
Attorney General

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