



# Arizona Department of Agriculture

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## **Instrument of Distribution**

If the current named owner of a brand is deceased, the personal representative of the decedent may submit an Instrument of Distribution to change the ownership of the brand. Before any changes can be made, the brand must be current (i.e. not in expired status). To complete this application, please read and follow the instructions below.

**Complete Application:** Includes the following:

- Name of *current owner(s)* as it appears on the brand;
- The names of all new applicants specified by "OR" or "AND";
- DBA or name under which livestock will be shipped or sold ***only if different from applicants;***
- If any of the owners, including the personal representative, are retaining partial interest in the brand, they must sign as both Seller and the Buyer and be listed as an applicant.***
- Mailing address;
- Phone Number;
- Email address (if applicable)
- Brand Number;
- Range Location and County;
- Acknowledged Signatures of all specified applicants** witnessed by either a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, a Judge of a court of record, a Clerk or deputy Clerk of a Court having a seal, a Recorder of Deeds, a County Recorder, or Livestock Officer. If all parties involved in the application are unable to appear for acknowledgement at the same time, a separate acknowledgement may be attached for additional signatures.
- A copy of the death certificate for the decedent.
- If ownership is being distributed to a business entity, you must provide a copy of the business organizational papers (i.e. Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization).
- If ownership is being distributed to a Trust, you must provide a copy of the Trust paperwork which details who has authority to sign for the Trust.

**Application Fee:** The Fee for an Instrument of Distribution is \$25.00

**Please Note: An Instrument of Distribution does not change the expiration date of the brand.**

