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TAHC Rule Proposal Open for Public Comment

Chapter 51, Entry Requirements

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting April 12, 2022, at its headquarters in Austin.

The following rule was proposed during the meeting and is open for comment from June 3, 2022 – July 3, 2022.

Chapter 51, Entry Requirements

The proposed amendment is located in §51.3 and allows an exception to federal and state interstate cattle movement requirements. Cattle moved interstate must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) in accordance with Texas Agriculture Code §161.054, Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations §86.5, and 4 TAC §51.2(b)(1). Federal regulations allow the movement of cattle without a CVI if the cattle are moved with documentation as agreed upon by animal health officials in the shipping and receiving states. The TAHC is proposing a CVI exception for dairy calves if all parties involved execute and comply with the terms and conditions of the modified movement restriction agreement for 1 to 10-day old dairy calves from a single premises of origin.

Additionally, the existing CVI exception related to equine in §51.3(b) is proposed for amendment to correct the term equidae to equine and no substantive changes were made.

Comments on the proposed rules must be submitted in writing to Amanda Bernhard, Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758, by fax at (512)-719-0719 or by email to comments@tahc.texas.gov.

Complete details of the rule proposals are available on the TAHC website at https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/proposals.html#proposals.

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