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**Texas Animal Health Commission  
Modification of Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area in  
Starr–Jim Hogg–Zapata Counties**

**(i.e. "Blanket Disease Quarantine")**

In the summer of 2007, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) ascertained that "Fever Ticks" were present in a portion of Starr County. Consequently, TAHC took extraordinary precautions against expansion of fever tick infestation into other areas of Starr County by classifying an area as being infested with or exposed to "Fever Ticks". That area was placed under a Temporary Preventive Quarantine on July 3rd, 2007. During early April, 2008, fever ticks were discovered on premises in Zapata and Jim Hogg Counties that were located in the Free Area outside the Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area. Based on this discovery of fever ticks outside of the Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area the boundary line the Temporary Preventive Quarantine was re-established in July of 2008 to include the areas with infested premises and exposed premises in Zapata and Jim Hogg County.

The TAHC has now determined that areas within the quarantine zone, located in Jim Hogg and Zapata Counties, have met the requirements for quarantine release and therefore the Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area is being modified to release areas no longer contained within the redefined boundary. The release of the quarantine zone rescinds all movement restrictions placed on the livestock for the area released from the Temporary Preventive Quarantined Area which is described below, excepting all livestock located within that area and restricted under individual quarantines issued for specific premises.

Therefore, the TAHC is modifying the Temporary Preventive Quarantined area as provided by the following:

Therefore, the TAHC hereby re-establishes the quarantine area located in Starr County, which begins at the intersection of Ranch Road 649 and U.S. Highway 83, in Garceno, Texas, and; thence in a westerly, northwesterly direction following Highway 83 to the Starr-Zapata line; and thence following the Starr-Zapata County line in a northerly direction along the shared fence line with Triangulo Cattle Company and McDermott Ranch, Santo Tomas 700 Pasture, and Las Flores Pasture; thence continuing along Starr Zapata County line following the shared fence line with Las Lomas Ranch and the Gloria Guerrero Ranch, Paco Yzaguirre Ranch, and Hatton Pedernal Ranch as it deviates from the Starr-Zapata County line in a north easterly direction; and thence continuing along the south fence line of the Hatton Pedernal Ranch and the shared

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fence line with the Mendoza Ranch; and thence continuing along the shared fence line with the Mendoza Ranch and the La America LTD Ranch; and thence following the south fence line of the La America LTD Ranch with the shared fence line with Rancho Los Duendas and Las Escobas Ranch, and thence following the east fence line of the La America LTD Ranch in a northerly direction along the shared fence line of the San Jose Ranch and the J. Gonzales Ranch until it intersects with the south corner of the Tres Condados Ranch; and thence following in a north-easterly direction the shared fence line with the J. Gonzales Ranch and the J. Pena Ranch until it intersects the junction of Loma Blanco Road and San Roman County Road; and thence following in a north-easterly direction San Roman Road until it intersects Ranch Road 649 and thence following Ranch Road 649 in southerly direction to the intersection with U.S. Highway 83 and the beginning point.

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapters 161 and 167, and TAHC regulations as found in Title 4, Part II of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 41, Rule 41.4, entitled "Quarantines", a redefined quarantine is now hereby imposed on the above described area and all animals, which can serve as hosts for fever ticks, located therein. The animals shall not be moved, caused to move or allowed to move from the above described Temporary Preventive Quarantine area until they have been scratch inspected and dipped.

In accordance with Title 4, Part" TAC, Chapter 41, Rule 41.7, Movement Restrictions on Hides and Carcasses, hides and carcasses and parts thereof of any animal capable of serving as a host for fever ticks must be inspected and undergo any treatment deemed necessary by a representative of the TAHC prior to removal from the Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area. A written permit or certificate from an authorized representative of the Texas Animal Health Commission is required for movement within or from the Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area until this quarantine is released.

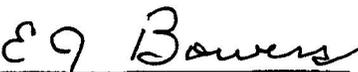
The modification of the Starr - Jim Hogg - Zapata County Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area does not release premises held under individual movement restrictions through the issuance of a quarantine.

Any person violating this quarantine is subject to criminal prosecution.

Witness my hand this 15th day of July, 2011.

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