



Public Announcement
Texas Animal Health Commission

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Official Bovine Trichomoniasis Testing at TVMDL

Effective June 15, 2018, official Bovine Trichomoniasis (Trich) test submissions that do not meet the Texas Animal Health Commission's (TAHC) rules for an official test will not be processed by Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL). It is critical to the integrity of Trich test results that veterinarians and producers adhere to submission timeframes and expiration dates.

TAHC would like to remind veterinarians and producers of the following submission requirements for an official Bovine Trich test:

Identification and Record Requirements

All bulls tested for Trichomoniasis must be [officially identified](#) at the time the initial test sample is collected and the official identification must be recorded on [TAHC's approved test document](#) prior to submittal.

Official Tests

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test

- The sample, collected in an InPouch, is received by Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in good condition within 48 hours of collection or [incubated by the collecting veterinarian](#) for no more than 48 hours after collection and then submitted to arrive at the laboratory within 96 hours of collection. The InPouch must not be expired on the day TVMDL conducts the PCR test. For additional questions concerning InPouch expiration please contact TVMDL.

OR

- The Direct Smegma PCR sample, collected in phosphate buffered saline, must be received by TVMDL in good condition within 96 hours of collection.

Official Culture Test

- The sample collected in an InPouch must be received by TVMDL in good condition within 48 hours of collection. The InPouch must not be expired on the day the final testing of the sample is conducted by TVMDL. For additional questions concerning InPouch expiration please contact TVMDL.

For more information about requirements for an Official Trichomoniasis Test, visit [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=4&pt=2&ch=38&rl=6](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=4&pt=2&ch=38&rl=6).