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## TAHC Commissioners Adopt Rule Amendments Chapter 59, General Practices and Procedures

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting July 16, 2024, at its headquarters in Austin. The following amendments were adopted and go into effect August 15, 2024.

### **Chapter 59, General Practices and Procedures**

The adopted amendments add guidance on the responsibilities of TAHC staff when working with local law enforcement authorities to enforce entry requirements. This is added to the existing section that sets forth the responsibilities of TAHC staff when partnering with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to enforce entry requirements.

The rule outlines the responsibility of TAHC staff to provide information to DPS officers, sheriffs, and deputies regarding health papers and permits required for entry of livestock into the state. These officials, when appropriate, will be notified of the location of commission roadblocks or special or night operations. Additionally, possible entry violations reported by DPS, sheriffs, and deputies shall be investigated by TAHC staff.

The updated rule is available in the Texas Administrative Code under [Title 4, Part 2, Chapter 59](#). The Texas Administrative Code can be accessed through the [TAHC website](#).

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