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TAHC Rule Proposals Open for Public Comment

Trichomoniasis, Reportable and Actionable Disease List, Entry Requirements, and Poultry

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting August 26, 2025, at its headquarters in Austin.

The following amendments were proposed during the meeting and are open for comment from September 19 – October 19, 2025.

Chapter 38, Trichomoniasis

The proposed amendments change and update "negative" test results to "not detected," and outlines the general requirements of the Trichomoniasis program. Additionally, the proposed amendments eliminate the requirement for bulls in infected herds to be assurance tested one year after a hold order or quarantine was released. The proposed amendments also adjust numbering and correct formatting to italicize scientific names.

Chapter 45, Reportable and Actionable Disease List

The proposed amendment adds egg drop syndrome virus (EDSv) to the list of reportable and actionable diseases and reorders the list in alphabetical order.

Chapter 51, Entry Requirements

The proposed amendments consolidate entry requirements for clarity and conciseness, and reorganize existing entry requirements into easy-to-follow lists. The proposed amendments also create new requirements for birds entering Texas from EDSv affected states, similar to existing requirements for birds entering Texas from infectious laryngotracheitis affected states.

Chapter 57, Poultry

The proposed amendment removes the interstate movement requirements that were moved to §51.15, renumbers paragraphs, and clarifies proven available methods of poultry carcass disposal.

Comments on the rule proposals may be submitted to Amanda Bernhard, Texas Animal Health Commission, by mail at 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 also available on the TAHC website at https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/proposals.html#proposals.

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