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## **Texas Animal Health Commission Opens Public Comment on Brucellosis Testing Requirements for Captive Exotic Cervids Entering Texas**

Austin, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting on December 11, 2018, at its headquarters in Austin.

The following amendments were proposed during the meeting and are open for public comment:

### **Chapter 51, Entry Requirements – Exotic Cervids**

The Commission requires exotic cervids entering Texas to be Brucellosis tested. The proposed rule will eliminate the Brucellosis testing requirement for captive exotic cervids entering Texas. Test requirements for free ranging cervids and those from a designated surveillance area will remain in place.

The Commission opened the following rules for review and comment:

### **Chapter 38, Trichomoniasis; Chapter 43, Tuberculosis; Chapter 47, Authorized Personnel; Chapter 50, Animal Disease Traceability; Chapter 51, Entry Requirements**

The proposed chapters for rule review provides the public an opportunity to comment and suggest amendments on TAHC's rules as they currently exist.

TAHC encourages and appreciates all comments. The deadline for comment submissions on the proposed amendments is February 4, 2019. Comments on the proposed chapters 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](mailto:comments@tahc.texas.gov).

Complete details of the rule proposals are available on the TAHC website at [www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/proposals.html](http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/proposals.html).

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