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TAHC Rule Proposals Open for Public Comment Sheep Entry Requirements and Scrapie

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting April 30, 2024, at its headquarters in Austin.

The following amendments were proposed during the meeting and are open for comment from June 14 – July 14, 2024.

Chapter 51, Entry Requirements

The proposed amendments set forth requirements for sheep entering Texas and require that all female breeding sheep and crossbred female breeding sheep originate from an Export Certified Flock or have documentation supporting that the animals are of the genotype RR at codon 171 or AA at codon 136 and QR at codon 171.

Chapter 60, Scrapie

The proposed amendments eliminate the definition for “Blackfaced Sheep” and reorganize the definition of “Breed Associations and Registries” to conform to alphabetical order. Additionally, the proposed amendments add a definition for “Breeding Sheep.”

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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