

NOTICE OF QUARANTINE

Texas Animal Health Commission Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area in Cameron County, Texas

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The Texas Animal Health Commission (Commission) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have confirmed the presence of fever ticks which are capable of carrying *Babesia sp.*, on Cameron County premises that are located outside the permanent quarantine zone in that county. The extent of the fever tick infestation in the Cameron County free area is unknown at this time.

In order to protect land, premises and animals from fever ticks and exposure to those ticks, the Commission has determined it necessary to establish a Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area in Cameron County for the purpose of regulating the handling of animals and eradicating ticks or exposure to ticks in the free area of Texas or for the purpose of preventing the spread of tick infestation into the free area of Texas.

Therefore, the following area is hereby placed under a Temporary Preventative Quarantine pending further assessment and in order to prevent the fever tick exposure or infestation spreading further into the free area of Texas.

The Temporary Preventative Quarantined Area is defined as that portion of the state within the boundaries of a line beginning at a point in Cameron County where Farm to Market Road (FM) 511 and Captain Donald L. Foust Road intersect (25.950997; -97.412259); thence, northwest along FM 511 for 9.43 miles to FM 803 (26.028682; -97.530968); thence, north along FM 803 for 21.3 miles to FM 2925 (26.335137; -97.491350); thence, east along FM 2925 for 7.28 miles to the east side of the Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park eastern-most parking lot (26.349462; -97.390468) (parking lot); thence, north along the east side of the parking lot for 61.3 yards to the Arroyo Colorado (26.349960; -97.390577); thence, east along the Arroyo Colorado shoreline for 4.45 miles to Laguna Madre (26.353917; -97.325179); thence, southeast along the Laguna Madre shoreline for 55.33 miles to the Brownsville Navigation District Ship Channel (26.064276; -97.775511) (Brownsville Ship Channel); thence, southwest along the Brownsville Ship Channel for 16.4 miles to the point on Windhaus Road that is a straight line southwest of the Brownsville Ship Channel (25.952057; -97.403765); thence, north along Windhaus Road for .1 mile to Captain Donald L. Foust Road (25.952738; -97.404135); thence, west along Captain Donald L. Foust Road for .52 miles to FM 511 (25.950997; -97.412259), the beginning.

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code Chapters 161 and 167, and Commission regulations found in Title 4, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 41, a quarantine is hereby imposed in the Cameron County free area on the above described Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area and all animals that can serve as hosts for fever ticks located therein. Animal is defined as any domestic, free-range, or wild animal

capable of hosting or transporting ticks capable of carrying Babesia, including livestock, zebras, bison, giraffes, deer, elk, nilgai and other cervid species. For purposes of this quarantine, "livestock" means cattle, horses, mules, jacks or jennets.

A person shall not move, caused to be moved or allow the movement of an animal located in the above described Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area until such time that the animal has been inspected and treated, as required by the Commission, and issued a permit or certificate for movement by a Commission representative. Hides, carcasses and parts thereof of any animal capable of serving as a host for fever ticks must be inspected and undergo any treatment deemed necessary by a Commission representative prior to removal from the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area.

A written permit or certificate from a Commission representative is required for movement of animals, hides, carcasses or parts thereof within or from the Temporary Preventative Quarantine area until such time that the Temporary Preventative Quarantine is released. Any issued permit or certificate must accompany a shipment of animals, hides, carcasses or parts thereof from the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area at all times and no person may accept such a shipment unless the shipment is accompanied by the original permit or certificate of movement.

Any person violating this quarantine is subject to criminal prosecution.

Witness my hand this 6th day of October, 2014.

TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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