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## Texas Animal Health Commission

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## TAHC Passes Rules at February Commission Meeting

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting on February 16, 2016, at its headquarters in Austin.

The following rules were adopted during the meeting and became effective on March 8, 2016.

### **Chapter 33, Fees, Repeal Lab & Herd Status/Certification Fees**

The TAHC previously had budget authority to collect Laboratory fees (Rule 33.4) and Herd Status/Certification fees (Rule 33.5). The Legislature did not renew that authority last year, so the TAHC must discontinue setting and collecting certain fees, effective September 1, 2015.

### **Chapter 49, Equine, EIA Testing**

The purpose of the new section is to add a requirement that a person or laboratory who performs an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test in the State of Texas must meet and be in compliance with the requirements found in Title 9, CFR §75.4(c), "Approval of Laboratories, and Diagnostic or Research Facilities."

To view the details of all the rules passed visit <http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/code.html>

The following rule amendment was proposed:

### **Chapter 41, Fever Ticks, Fever Tick Vaccine**

The proposal will add the fever tick vaccine requirements for beef cattle in quarantine areas and will clarify the different requirements for dipping, treatment, and vaccination.

The TAHC began accepting public comments for the proposal on March 11, 2016. The deadline for comment submissions on the proposed amendment is April 11, 2016. Complete details of the rule proposal are available on the TAHC website at <http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/proposals.html>

The TAHC encourages and appreciates all comments. Comments on the proposed amendment 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).

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