

NOTICE OF RULE HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Mexico Livestock Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and following the hearing will convene a regular board meeting to consider the amendments of the rule and conduct regular board business. The rule hearing and board meeting will be held at the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, 1309 Fourth Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102. The purpose of the rule hearing is to receive public comment on changes regarding Bovine Trichomoniasis, 21.30.6.11 NMAC.

Proposed Amendments to Section 11 of 21.30.6 NMAC:

Paragraph (1) of Subsection B:

Positive *T. foetus* bulls shall be identified with the official New Mexico livestock board "N" fire brand or other NMLB approved method.

Paragraph (2) of Subsection B:

Positive *T. foetus* bulls shall be quarantined and sent directly to slaughter or to public livestock market for slaughter only. ~~[A quarantined feed period may be allowed under special conditions. Positive bulls may be required to move on a NMLB approved method.]~~ Positive bulls may be required to move on a NMLB approved method. Confined feeding may be allowed provided bulls are "N" branded.

Paragraph (5) of Subsection B:

Any bull entering a quarantined premise will be required to test negative prior to re-introduction to its herd of origin.

Paragraph (1) of Subsection E:

All facilities that share a common boundary with a positive *T. foetus* herd will be notified by the NMLB and ~~[may be required to test all of the bulls on the facility at their own expense]~~ may be quarantined based on results of the epidemiological investigation by the state veterinarian. Quarantine will remain in place until testing requirements are satisfied. ~~[The decision to require such testing will be made by the state veterinarian based on results of epidemiological investigation.]~~

Section 77-2-7 NMSA 1953, authorizes the New Mexico Livestock Board to adopt and promulgate rules to carry out the purposes of The Livestock Code.

Copies of the agenda and proposed changes to 21.30.6.11 NMAC may be found at the NMLB website at: <http://www.nmlbonline.com> or by contacting Mr. P. Robert Alexander, Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock Board, 300 San Mateo NE Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87108-1500, (505) 841-6161.

Interested parties may provide comment on the proposed rule amendments to 21.30.6.11 NMAC at the public hearing or may submit written comments, or both, to Mr. P. Robert Alexander, Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock Board, 300 San Mateo NE, Ste. 1000, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108 or robert.alexander@state.nm.us, fax 505-841-6160. Written comments may also be submitted at the NMLB website at <http://www.nmlbonline.com>. Written comments in any of the above formats must be received by close of business on March 27, 2018.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the New Mexico Livestock Board at (505)841-6161 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the New Mexico Livestock Board at (505)841-6161 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.