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

In the summer of 2014, the Texas Animal Health Commission (Commission) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed the presence of fever ticks, which are capable of carrying *Babesia sp.*, on Cameron County premises. A Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area was created for the purpose of regulating the inspection and treatment of animals in order to eradicate fever ticks and prevent the spread of tick infestation into the free area of Texas. That area was placed under a Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area on October 7, 2014.

The Commission has now determined that an area currently within the quarantine zone has met the requirements for quarantine release. This area consists of 14,460 acres and is located in the southwest corner of the 2014 Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area.

Therefore, the Commission is removing this area by modifying the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area into a slightly smaller area by the following boundary description:

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 6.15 miles to FM 1847 (26.014478; -97.481208); thence, north along FM 1847 for 7.94 miles to FM 510 (26.129494; - 97.471077); thence, west along FM 510 for 2.89 miles to FM 803 (26.132970; -97.517470); thence, north along FM 803 for 14.01 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), to 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

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is hereby imposed on the above described Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area in Cameron County 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 the animal has been inspected and treated, as required by the Commission. 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 an authorized representative of the Commission is required for movement within or from the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area until this quarantine is released. No person may accept a shipment unless the shipment is accompanied by the original permit or certificate for movement.

The modification of the Cameron County Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area does not release premises held under individual movement restrictions through the issuance of a quarantine document.

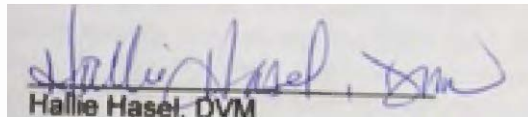
Any person violating this quarantine is subject to criminal prosecution.

Witness my hand this 9th day of November, 2016.

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