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# TAHC Commissioners Adopt Rule Amendments

## Exotic CWD Susceptible Species, Emergency Response & Management, and General Practices & Procedures

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting December 7, 2021, at its headquarters in Austin. The following rules were adopted and go into effect February 8, 2022.

### **Chapter 51. Entry Requirements**

The adopted amendments update disease list references in §51.5 and §51.10 from §161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code to §45.3 of the Texas Administrative Code, in accordance with Senate Bill 705. In §51.10, amendments were adopted to control and reduce the incidence of CWD entering Texas, as well as provide clearer guidelines of entry requirements for CWD susceptible species. The rule also restricts the movement of CWD susceptible species entering Texas if located 25 miles or less from a location where CWD has been confirmed or as otherwise epidemiologically determined by the Executive Director. Grammatical and editorial changes were made for improved readability and consistency. Additionally, the TAHC adopted a new section, "Enforcement and Penalties," to clarify applicable penalties for violations.

### **Chapter 58. Emergency Response and Management**

The adopted amendments update the disease list reference from §161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code to §45.3 of the Texas Administrative Code, in accordance with Senate Bill 705. The name of the international animal health agency was updated to the World Organisation for Animal Health, and "List A" was removed for accuracy and aligns with §161.0415 of the Texas Agriculture Code. The definition of "Emergency Management Plan - Appendix Four to Annex H" was outdated and deleted. Grammatical and editorial changes were made for improved readability and consistency.

### **Chapter 59. General Practices and Procedures**

The adopted amendments update the disease list reference from §161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code to §45.3 of the Texas Administrative Code, in accordance with Senate Bill 705. The addition of §59.15 was adopted pursuant to Government Code Chapter 661, which requires each state agency to create and administer a state employee sick leave and family leave pool. Grammatical and editorial changes were made for improved readability and consistency.

All rules are available in the Texas Administrative Code under Title 4, Part 2 and the respective chapters. The Texas Administrative Code can be accessed through the [TAHC website](#).

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