

NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD REGULAR MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico Livestock Board has scheduled a regular board meeting and rule hearing on December 12, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the 2019 Joint Stockmen's Convention being held at the Sandia Resort and Casino, Ballroom B, 30 Rainbow Road, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87113, to hear and consider action as appropriate on the proposed amendments to 21.30.6 NMAC, Sections 8, 9, 11 and 16.

Synopsis:

The proposal is to adopt changes to the import requirements rule, 21.30.6 NMAC, which will become effective December 31, 2019.

The proposed changes include: 1) including slaughter surveillance to the importation testing; 2) requiring only imported non-virgin bulls be accompanied by a negative *T. foetus* test; 3) Allowing castrated bulls to be removed from confined feeding; 4) requiring culled herd sires sold for slaughter to have a negative *T. foetus* test within sixty (60) days prior to change of ownership; 5) allowing for pending results on slaughter bulls; 6) requiring NMLB inspection to verify change of possession and appropriate *T. foetus* testing and placing responsibility for testing on the owner; 7) allowing for cutter bulls, out of state cull bulls and slick bulls to be castrated rather than tested and sent for confined feeding; 8) requiring culled herdsires with medical conditions to be tested at the owners expense and allowing NMLB inspector or herd veterinarian to exempt bulls with medical conditions if inhumane; 9) requiring the working Trichomoniasis Committee to reevaluate the need for slaughter surveillance every two years; 10) requiring a minimum of 65 consecutive days to conduct a third *T. foetus* after the bulls have had breeding exposure; 11) if a disease management plan has not been developed and activated within 45 days (from 30) of confirmation of *T. foetus* testing all bovids, except steers and spayed heifers, will be required to go directly to slaughter upon leaving the ranch; 12) requiring any stray non-virgin bull of unknown *T. foetus* status or from a positive *T. foetus* herd which enters neighboring land and may have mingled with the herd on that premise to be quarantined until the bull(s) has had one or more official *T. foetus* test(s) conducted with a NMLB inspector involved; 13) requires all facilities that share a common boundary with a positive *T. foetus* herd be notified by the NMLB and require testing; 14) exempting Certified NM *T. foetus* Free herds in compliance with NMAC 21.30.6.10 from testing as well as instances where the state veterinarian has determined such testing to be unnecessary based on epidemiological investigation and requires reevaluation of this requirement to be reevaluated by the working Trichomoniasis Committee every two years; 15) enforcing the provisions of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA 1978 and other criminal laws relating to livestock 16) outlining penalties for misdemeanor crimes. A full text of changes will be available on the Agency's website at: www.nmlbonline.com.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to 21.30.6 NMAC at: www.nmlbonline.com or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2019. The final proposed rule will be voted on by the Board during a public meeting on December 12, 2019. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearing to be held on December 12, 2019.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rule and the agenda can be obtained from the New Mexico Livestock Board, 300 San Mateo NE, Suite 1000, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108, or from the Agency's website at www.nmlbonline.com. Please contact the NMLB at (505)841-4742, or the Agency's website at www.nmlbonline.com for updated information.

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 Department at (505) 476-8000 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 Department at 505-476-8000 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the Livestock Code 77-2-7, et seq. NMSA 1978; Livestock Board's power to establish rules and regulations 77-2-7, et seq. NMSA 1978.