

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) will hold a video/telephonic rulemaking hearing on September 10, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. The hearing will be held via a virtual format. Instructions on how to join the virtual rulemaking hearing will be posted on the NMLB's website, www.nmlbonline.com.

The NMLB will consider a proposed amendment to 21.32.2 NMAC, **BRANDING OF LIVESTOCK**. The purpose of the proposed rule amendment to Subsection J of 21.32.2.7 NMAC is to provide NMLB clarity on the term "Confined Feeding" as used in the field in regards to branding requirements. The purpose of the proposed rule amendment to Subsection B of 21.32.2.9 NMAC is to allow dairy producers to be able to move cattle from one confined feeding operation to another without branding, provided there is no change of ownership.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rule can be obtained from the agency's website at www.nmlbonline.com. To request a copy of the proposed rule by mail, contact the NMLB at (505)841-6161. Visit www.nmlbonline.com for instructions on how to attend the virtual public hearing.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed changes to 21.32.2 NMAC at www.nmlbonline.com or individuals may mail written comments to: NMLB/Rule Comments, 300 San Mateo Blvd NE, Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87108. Comments are due by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. The final proposed rule will be voted on by the board during the public hearing on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the virtual public rule hearing to be held on September 10, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

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.

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 agency 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 NMLB at (505) 841-6161 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.