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Texas Animal Health Commission Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area (i.e. "Blanket Disease Quarantine")

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has ascertained that Fever Ticks are present on multiple premises which are located outside of the permanent fever tick quarantine zone in Starr and Hidalgo Counties. At the present time the full extent of fever tick infestation in areas of Starr and Hidalgo Counties outside the permanent quarantine zone is unknown. Consequently, TAHC believes it necessary to take extraordinary precautions against expansion of fever tick infestation into other areas of those Counties or other areas of the State of Texas. Therefore, the following area is deemed infested with or exposed to Fever Ticks and is hereby placed under a Temporary Preventative Quarantine, pending further assessment and elimination of fever tick infestation.

The Temporary Preventative Quarantined area is contained within the following boundaries: The area begins at the intersection of Military Road and Garza Road in La Joya, Hidalgo County, Texas; thence North and Northeast following Garza Ave for approximately 1.02 miles to its intersection with US Highway 83; thence West along Highway 83 for approximately 0.19 miles to its intersection with Jara Chinas Road; thence North and Northeast following Jaras Chinas Road for approximately 13.3 miles to its intersection with 14 mile road; thence Northwest following 14 mile line for 0.6 of a mile to its intersection with Salazar Road; thence following Salazar Road North and Northeast approximately 3.55 miles to its intersection with with FM 490; thence in a Northwesterly direction following FM 490 across the Hidalgo/Starr County line for approximately 13.73 miles to its intersection with the fenceline of El Junco Ranch; thence following the fenceline in a Southerly direction to its intersection with Las Brisas Road for approximately 5.00 miles; thence following Las Brisas Road/Pimienta Road for approximately 15.17 miles to its intersection with US Highway 83; thence following US highway 83 approximately 0.2 miles Southeasterly to its intersection with Montalvo Road; thence South along Montalvo Road to its intersection with Military Road, approximately 0.57 miles; thence along the Military Road in an Easterly direction for approximately 15.6 miles to its intersection with Garza Avenue, which is the starting point for this quarantine zone.

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Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapters 161 and 167, and TAHC regulations as found in Title 4, Part II, Chapter 4, Rule 41.4, Quarantines, a quarantine is now hereby imposed on the above described area and all animals, which can serve as hosts for fever ticks, located therein. The animals shall not be moved, caused to move or allowed to move from the above described Temporary Preventative Quarantine area until they have been scratch inspected and dipped.

In accordance with Title 4, Part II, Chapter 4, Rule 41.7, Movement Restrictions on Hides and Carcasses, hides and 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 representative of the Texas Animal Health Commission prior to removal from the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area. A written permit or certificate from an authorized representative of the Texas Animal Health Commission is required for movement within or from the Temporary Preventative Quarantine area until this quarantine is released.

Any person violating this quarantine is subject to criminal prosecution.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of July, 2009.

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