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**Texas Animal Health Commission
Modification of Temporary Preventative Quarantine
Area in Starr County
(i.e. "Blanket Disease Quarantine")**

In the summer of 2007, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) ascertained that "Fever Ticks" were present in a portion of Starr County. Consequently, TAHC took extraordinary precautions against expansion of fever tick infestation into other areas of Starr County by classifying areas as being infested with or exposed to "Fever Ticks" and placed these areas under a Temporary Preventative Quarantine (TPQ).

The TAHC has determined that an area, identified herein as Area 3, has met the requirements for quarantine release and therefore the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area is released. The release of the quarantine zone rescinds all movement restrictions placed on the livestock within the Temporary Preventative Quarantined Area which is described below, excepting all livestock located within that area and restricted under individual quarantines issued for specific premises. With the release of this area the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area(s) for Zapata and Starr County is being reduced to one remaining quarantined area.

Therefore, the TAHC is rescinding the Temporary Preventative Quarantined for Area 3 defined by the following boundary description:

Beginning at the intersection of Ranch Road 649 and Sanchez County Road then following Sanchez County Road in a westerly direction for 4 miles until the shared line of the property identified as 2X Ranch to the west and the property identified as Sanchez Property Co. LTD to the east, and following the east fence line of the property identified as 2X Ranch to where it intersects with the fence line of the property identified as El Puerto Ranch; and thence following the shared fence line of the property identified as El Puerto Ranch and the property identified as 2X Ranch in a northwesterly direction, until the shared fence line between the property identified as El Puerto Ranch and the property identified as Falcon el Llano, until and following the shared fence line between the property identified as El Puerto Ranch and the property identified as El Puerto (Otilia); and thence following the shared fence line for the property identified as El Puerto (Otilia) and the property identified as Gaviota 3, until the shared fence line between the property identified as El Puerto (Otilia) and the property identified as

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La Presa Pasture to the corner of the shared fence line between the property identified as La Presa Pasture and the property identified as Richard Salinas Ranch to the shared fence line of the property identified as Richard Salinas Ranch to the west and the property identified as El Fondo to the east; and thence following the fence line between the property identified as Richard Salinas Ranch to the west and La Labor Grande to the east, until the shared fence line between the property identified Richard Salinas Ranch to the west and the property identified as La Labor del Medio to the to the east, until the fence line of the property identified as El Monte to the west and 150 Acre Pasture to the east, until and following the shared fence line between the property identified as 150 Acre Pasture to the southwest and Saldana #2 Ranch to the northeast, until the shared fence line between Saldana # 2 Ranch to the west and the property identified as La Labor de las Pacas to the east, until the fence line between the property identified as La Labor de las Pacas to the east and Las Lomitas to the west and; thence to the shared fence line of the property identified as Salinas Brothers to the east and the property identified as La Lomita to the west until the shared fence line between the property identified as El Potrerito del Rancho to the northwest and El Potrerito to the south, until the intersection with Las Escobas County Road; and thence following Las Escobas County Road in a northwesterly direction for approximately 1 mile until the northwest shared fence line between the property identified as Potrero de la Labor 1 to the east and the property identified as Roel and Norma Garza Pasture # 1 to the west, until the shared fence line of the property identified as Roel and Norma Garza Pasture # 1 to the west and the property identified as Potrero de la Labor to the east, until the shared fence line between the property identified as Potrero de la Labor to the east and the property identified as M.O. Ranch to the west until the shared fence line between the property identified as Potrero de la Labor to the east and the property identified as J.A. Flores Ranch to the west; and thence following the shared fence line of the property identified as J.A. Flores Ranch to the west and the property identified as San Luis Ranch to the east until the shared fence line between the property identified as San Luis Ranch to the east and the property identified as L. Flores Ranch to the west, until the shared fence line between the property identified as San Luis Ranch to the south and the property identified as Mil Acres Ranch to the north until the shared fence line between the property identified as San Luis Ranch to the west and the property identified as Gunsmoke to the east until the shared fence line between the property identified as Gunsmoke to the north and the property identified as Las Viboras Ranch to the south until the shared fence line between the property identified as Gunsmoke to the north and the property identified as Gunsmoke Trap to the south; and thence until the intersection of Ranch Road 649 and following in a southerly direction for approximately 11.5 miles until the intersection of Ranch Road 649 and Sanchez County Road, the beginning.

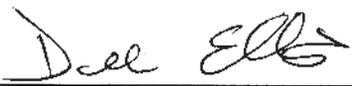
Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapters 161 and 167, specifically Sections 167.023 and 167.024 of Chapter 167, this quarantine is now released on the above described area and all animals located therein. This action is also authorized under the regulations for this program which are found in Chapter 41 of

the Texas Administrative Code entitled "Fever Ticks". A written permit or certificate from an authorized representative of the TAHC is no longer required for movement.

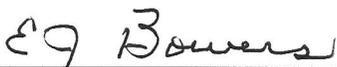
The modification of this Starr County Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area does not release premises held under individual movement restrictions through the issuance of a quarantine document or other areas still defined as a Temporary Preventive Quarantine Area.

Witness my hand this 14th day of February, 2013.

TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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