



Inspection, Treatment and Movement Requirements for Nilgai Antelope, White-Tailed Deer or other Free-ranging Wildlife and Exotic Animals capable of hosting fever ticks located in the Cameron County Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area (TPQA) or from Premises Quarantined as Infested, Exposed, Adjacent or Check in the Cameron County Free Area



The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have confirmed the presence of fever ticks, which are capable of carrying *Babesia sp.*, on Cameron County premises that are located outside the permanent quarantine zone. In order to protect land, premises, and animals from fever ticks and exposure to those ticks, the TAHC has restricted movement of nilgai antelope, white-tailed deer, and other free-ranging wildlife and exotic animals that are capable of hosting fever ticks in certain areas of Cameron County, Texas.¹

Landowners, lessees or other individuals that plan to move or hunt and harvest nilgai antelope, white-tailed deer, or other free-ranging wildlife and exotic animals capable of hosting fever ticks that are located in the TPQA or on quarantined infested, exposed, adjacent or check premises located in the Cameron County Free Area are hereby notified of the following requirements:²

- Animals³ must be inspected by a Commission representative at the premises.
- Animals must be presented in a time and manner that is conducive to a thorough inspection.
- Animals must be treated prior to movement as required by the TAHC. Approved treatments include the following:
 - o Live animals must be found free of ticks and sprayed or dipped with Co-Ral by a Commission representative.
 - o Hide-on carcasses must be frozen solid for at least 24 hours.
 - o Hide, capes or heads must be sprayed or dipped with Co-Ral by a TAHC representative or frozen solid for at least 24 hours.
- A person must be issued a movement permit by a TAHC representative prior to moving an animal from the premises.
- The movement permit must accompany the shipment at all times.
- Vehicles, trailers and other equipment that have been used to transport animals from any premises within the TPQA or from a premises quarantined as infested, exposed, adjacent or check must be sprayed with a TAHC approved product by a Commission representative.

To contact a TAHC representative to inspect an animal and/or for more information, call (956) 254-3507.

¹ See Texas Agriculture Code Chapters 161 and 167, and Title 4 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 41 for additional information regarding the TAHC's fever tick authority and regulations.

² For information regarding the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's proof of sex requirements visit <http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/hunting/general-regulations/proof-of-sex>

³ Animal(s) as used in this document includes the live animal and all of part of the carcass of the animal unless otherwise indicated. This includes but is not limited to the hide, cape and head.