

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE**

**NAC Proposed Changes  
April 29, 2015**

**NAC 571.658 Exposed herd: Classification; placement under and release from hold order; lease and transfer of ownership; release to slaughter channel. (NRS 561.295, 571.120, 571.150, 571.170)**

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2. Before the Director releases an exposed herd from a hold order, an accredited veterinarian must ensure that:
  - (a) Each test eligible bull in the exposed herd receives an official test for trichomoniasis within 12 months after the herd was placed under a hold order;
  - (b) Each test eligible bull is determined to be clear of trichomoniasis or is released to a slaughter channel;
  - (c) Each test eligible bull receives and bears an official tag; and
  - (d) The official tag number and classification of each test eligible bull is recorded on a test chart.
3. Before a test eligible bull may be certified to be clear of trichomoniasis pursuant to subsection 2, the test eligible bull must have received a negative test result in its most recent official test for trichomoniasis.
4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the owner or lessee of an exposed herd shall not lease or transfer ownership of any bull or cow, or any heifer that is 20 months of age or older, from the herd during a period in which the herd is under a hold order.
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**Notice of Workshop for Regulations of the Nevada Department of Agriculture  
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The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NAC 571.658.

The Nevada Department of Agriculture will be conducting a workshop on **June 10, 2015 at 1:00 pm** regarding the proposed regulation change.

The purpose of the proposed amendment to NAC 571.658 is to benefit Nevada Department of Agriculture staff and small businesses by adding additional regulation to prevent contamination and spread of trichomoniasis.

For details and additional updates and changes as suggested during the workshop process please contact:

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Modification of this regulation will reduce contamination of exposed herds to trichomoniasis and help ensure the health and financial safety of neighboring herds.

The immediate and long term effect ensures a preventative method for potential future risks of trichomoniasis infection and increased compliance with other state laws and regulations related to infectious animal diseases.

This amendment will impose moderate costs to small business.

There will be no additional cost to the Nevada Department of Agriculture for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

The proposed regulation will not overlap or duplicate any regulations set by federal, state or local government agencies.

The proposed regulation is not required by federal law.

The proposed regulation does not include any provisions more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity.

Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Department of Agriculture on or before **June 1, 2015**. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Department of Agriculture may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.