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AMENDED

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LCB File No. R104-20

DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
REGULATION

The Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada, 89431, is proposing the Amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 571 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). A workshop has been set for:

Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Time: 1:00PM PDT
Location: This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom, which allows participation by computer or telephone.*

Remote Meeting Information:

Topic: Proposed Regulation Workshop of NAC 571
Time: March 22, 2022 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

To join the meeting virtually, click on the URL and enter the meeting number and password when prompted:

<https://zoom.us/j/95492150879?pwd=UDdLK084L01xd3JvZytSY3g0RHF4UT09>

Meeting ID: 954 9215 0879
Passcode: 1gxPU1
Phone: +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
Phone access code: 954 9215 0879

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING MUST ATTEND VIA THE IDENTIFIED VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM OR TELEPHONICALLY. Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 287 has been amended through [2021 AB 253](#) to allow public meetings to be completed by use of remote technology and without a physical location.

This workshop will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law ([NRS 241.020](#)).

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Agenda

1:00 PM PST March 22, 2022

Note: Items on the agenda may be taken out of the posted order, items may be combined for consideration, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda.

- I. ****Public Comment:**** In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comment to three (3) minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.
- II. **Overview of Proposed Changes in NAC Chapter 571****

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) will hold a workshop to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in proposed regulations (LCB File No. R104-20)

1. LCB File No. R104-20 includes updates and additions to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) chapter 571.
 - A REGULATION relating to animals; revising provisions which govern the shipping, transporting or otherwise moving into Nevada certain animals; prohibiting a person from changing the ownership of certain female cattle or bison within this State unless the cattle or bison meet certain exemptions; requiring official laboratories that test specimens for trichomonosis to pass a biennial inspection conducted by the Administrator of the Division of Animal Industry of the State Department of Agriculture or his or her designee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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- Existing law requires the State Department of Agriculture to do all things necessary for the control and eradication of infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases of animals. (NRS 571.120)
- During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Nevada Legislature amended existing law relating to entry into this State of certain animals. After these amendments, existing law prohibits a person or the person's agent or employee from knowingly bringing into this State any live: (1) elk; (2) mule deer; (3) white-tailed deer; (4) moose; (5) certain alternative livestock; and (6) other animal that the State Quarantine Officer has declared to be susceptible to chronic wasting disease and prohibited from importation to this State. (NRS 571.210) Existing regulations permit a person to ship, transport or otherwise move into Nevada: (1) a North American elk that has reacted negatively to a test for brucellosis within 30 days before entry into Nevada; and (2) any species of deer or moose that has reacted negatively to tests for tuberculosis and brucellosis within the 30 days before entry into Nevada. (NAC 571.065) Section 1 of this regulation conforms existing regulations to existing law by removing these provisions.
- Existing regulations require female cattle or bison that are more than 12 months of age to be vaccinated for brucellosis before any change of ownership occurs in Nevada unless certain conditions exist. (NAC 571.355) Section 2 of this regulation prohibits a person from changing the ownership of female cattle or bison that are more than 12 months of age within this State unless the cattle or bison are officially brucellosis calftood vaccinated or meet another exemption.
- Existing regulations provide that an official test for trichomonosis that is performed on a bull in this State occurs where, among other requirements, the specimen collected from the bull for testing is tested in an official laboratory. (NAC 571.618, 571.664) Existing regulations require such laboratories to pass an annual inspection conducted by the Administrator of the Division of Animal Industry of the State Department of Agriculture to maintain its status as an official laboratory. (NAC 571.666) Section 3 of this regulation requires such laboratories to pass a biennial inspection conducted by the Administrator or his or her designee to maintain its status as an official laboratory.

III. **Public Comment: In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment please avoid repetition and limit your comment to three minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.

IV. Adjourn

**This item is to receive public comment on any issue, provided that comment will be limited to areas relevant to and within the authority of the Nevada Department of Agriculture. No action will be taken on any items raised in the public comment period. At the direction of the Department, public comment may be received prior to action on individual agenda items. Public comment may not be limited based on viewpoint.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at agri.nv.gov or by contacting the Division of Animal Industry at 775-353-3607 or animalindustry@agri.nv.gov. A reasonable fee for copying or postage may be charged. Members of the public who would like additional information about a proposed regulation may contact the Animal Division by email at animalindustry@agri.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to make oral comment upon the regulation draft of the Nevada Department of Agriculture may participate at the scheduled workshop. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence may submit the material by emailing animalindustry@agri.nv.gov or by mailing to the following address: Nevada Department of Agriculture, Custom meat and poultry program, 405 S. 21st ST, Sparks, NV 89431.

Reasonable efforts will be made for members of the public who have disabilities and require special accommodations for assistance at the meeting. Please contact the Department at 775-353-3607 or animalindustry@agri.nv.gov prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting was sent to all person's on the Department's mailing list for administrative regulations, posted on or before 9 a.m. fifteen days before the meeting at the following locations: the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at agri.nv.gov, the Nevada Public Notices website at notice.nv.gov, and was sent to the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau for posting at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>.

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