

**TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY
CHAPTER 15. ANIMAL INDUSTRY**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed **PERMANENT** rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 40. Bovine Tuberculosis

Part 1. Definitions

35:15-40-1 [AMENDED]

Part 7. Import Requirements

35:15-40-92 [AMENDED]

35:15-40-93 [NEW]

SUMMARY:

These rules provide new tuberculosis requirements for rodeo bulls used for exhibition purposes in the state, and provide entry requirements for Mexican origin steers and spayed heifers. New rules for brucellosis requirements of rodeo bulls were previously approved by the Board. Tuberculosis positives in rodeo stock have recently occurred in several states. During those investigations, it was discovered that Mexican cattle have entered Oklahoma illegally. These rules clarify the tuberculosis entry requirements and help ensure that Oklahoma keeps its tuberculosis free status. These rules were originally approved as emergency rules.

AUTHORITY:

State Board of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Agricultural Code; 2 O.S. 2001 §§ 2-4(2), (7), (17), and (29); 6-2; and 6-141 et seq.; Article 6, Section 31, Constitution of the State of Oklahoma

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit written comments to Teena Gunter at 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, P.O. Box 528804, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-8804, teena.gunter@oda.state.ok.us during the period from December 3, 2007 through January 3, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., January 3, 2008, in the Plant Industry and Consumer Services Conference Room of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Teena Gunter at the above address during the period from December 3, 2007 through January 3, 2008.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained by visiting www.oda.state.ok.us or by contacting Teena Gunter, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, P. O. Box 528804,

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RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement is available at the above addresses.

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