

CHAPTER 19-A. REGULATION OF FARM-RAISED
EXOTIC ANIMALS
PART I. IMPORTED EXOTIC DEER AND ANTELOPE,
ELK, AND FARM-RAISED WHITE TAIL DEER AND OTHER EXOTIC
CERVIDAE

§3101. Administration; enforcement

The commissioner of agriculture and forestry, or his designee, shall administer and enforce this Part. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations setting forth the requirements for the raising, slaughtering, and sale of imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic cervidae for commercial purposes in this state. All rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 1995, No. 461, §1; Acts 2010, No. 17, §1, eff. May 26, 2010.

§3102. Definitions; identification

A. As used in this Part, "farm-raised white-tailed deer" means any animal of species and genus *Odocoileus virginianus* which is bred, born, raised, and/or kept within closed circumscribed fenced premises for the purpose of buying, selling, or trading in commerce. Farm-raised white-tailed deer does not include any white-tailed deer which is part of any zoo, game park, or wildlife exhibit where the primary purpose of the same is the exhibition of white tail deer and/or other animals.

B. On and after August 15, 1995, any white-tailed deer which is born into, bought, sold, traded, or otherwise becomes farm-raised white tail deer shall be identified by means of an electronic implant. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the specifications and location of the implantation device.

Acts 1995, No. 461, §1; Acts 2008, No. 920, §1, eff. July 14, 2008; Acts 2012, No. 214, §2(E).

§3103. Imported exotic deer, antelope, elk, farm-raised white tail deer, and other exotic cervidae; licensing

A. Any person who engages in owning, raising, selling, or harvesting imported exotic deer, antelope, elk, farm-raised white tail deer, and other exotic cervidae, for any purpose, on farms or preserves of which he is the owner or lessee shall apply to the commissioner for a license to do so.

B. The license shall permit the licensee to own, breed, and propagate such animals and sell them alive, or sell their parts, and to kill and transport them and sell their carcasses for food. This Subsection shall not apply to the sale of white tail deer meat.

C. Each license shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.

D. Licensees receiving a license pursuant to this Section shall not be required to comply with R.S. 56:20 and 171.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 1992, No. 41, §1; Acts 1995, No. 461, §1; Acts 2010, No. 17, §1, eff. May 26, 2010; Acts 2012, No. 214, §2(A); Acts 2014, No. 110, §1, eff. May 16, 2014; Acts 2018, No. 67, §1.

§3104. Reporting

Each licensee shall maintain records which include the total number of animals, or the parts thereof, killed, sold, or transported, and the name of the person to whom the animals were sold or transported.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 2012, No. 214, §2(B)

§3105. Fencing requirements

The fencing requirements for owning or breeding of imported exotic deer, elk, and antelope pursuant to this Part shall be specified pursuant to rule and regulation by the commissioner. The fencing requirements for farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic cervidae shall be specified pursuant to rule and regulation by the commissioner.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 1992, No. 41, §1; Acts 1995, No. 461, §1; Acts 2010, No. 17, §1, eff. May 26, 2010; Acts 2012, No. 214, §2(C); Acts 2014, No. 110, §1, eff. May 16, 2014.

§3107. Regulatory fee

The commissioner may charge a service fee on alternative livestock programs in Louisiana. The fee shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The proceeds of the fee shall be used to defray the costs of services to the alternative livestock industry in Louisiana. The fee shall be collected annually upon the renewal of the license in the state of Louisiana. The amount of the fee shall be based on the cost of regulating the alternative livestock industry.

Acts 2012, No. 214, §1.

§3108. Violations; revocation of license

A. The commissioner may revoke the license of any person violating any provision of this Part.

B. The commissioner may impose a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars for each violation of this Part or of the rules and regulations adopted under this Part. Each day on which a violation occurs shall be a separate offense.

C. Civil penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner based on an adjudicatory hearing held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

D. The commissioner may institute civil proceedings to enforce his ruling in the district court for the parish in which the violation occurred.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 2012, No. 214, §2(E); Acts 2014, No. 110, §1, eff. May 16, 2014.