

2026: REMIT TWO (2) –

ALPACAS – NEW RULE

NAME OF ORGANISATION	
<i>Association / Society or District proposing Remit</i>	Alpaca Association of NZ
PROPOSER	
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REMIT	
<i>Outline the Remit proposal that you are putting forward.</i>	Removing the Tb requirements for alpacas to coincide with other non-bovine species whilst encompassing all disease requirements of OSPRI and MPI. A supporting remit separates alpacas from llamas in the regulations.
CURRENT RULE(S)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of current rule(s) this remit seeks to change.</i>	99. ALPACAS & LLAMAS The following regulations apply for Alpacas & Llamas at A&P Shows (with specific reference to Tb status): a) All alpacas & llamas attending a Show under the auspices of the Royal Agricultural Society, whether being judged, an accompanying animal or on trade display, have to be proven to be Tb free. This is achieved by the owner of the alpaca or llama providing evidence of the Tb clear status of the alpaca or llama as follows: b) All alpacas & llamas have to be from a herd which is tested on a “whole herd” basis in line with the voluntary Tb scheme operated by the Alpaca Association of New Zealand, Llama Association of Australasia and NZ Llama Association and either: The herd they come from has a current valid (clear) Tb whole herd clear receipt and is situated outside any Declared Movement Restricted Area for Cattle and Deer as defined and mapped by the Animal Health Board (AHB). or The herd they come from has a current valid (clear) Tb whole herd receipt, and they are situated within any Declared Movement Restricted Area for Cattle and Deer as defined and mapped by the AHB, and the specific alpacas and llamas attending the Show have been tested clear of Tb within 60 days of the Show. c) Under the voluntary scheme operated by the Alpaca Association of New Zealand, Llama Association of Australasia and NZ Llama Association alpacas and llamas under 6 months old are not tested, but must still be part of a current, valid (clear) Tb whole herd. d) Alpacas and llamas not meeting the above criteria should not be allowed entry to the showgrounds, or if discovered in the show with the incorrect or invalid paperwork, should be immediately removed.

	e) A&P showgrounds and other controlled show areas, wherever located, are considered to be 'clear' areas for Tb for the duration of the Show.
PROPOSED NEW RULE(s)	
<i>Rule(s) number(s) and wording of new proposed rule(s).</i>	<p>100 ALPACAS</p> <p>For all A&P shows:</p> <p>a) All alpacas whether being judged, accompanying, or on trade display, must comply with any disease testing and monitoring requirements set by the relevant New Zealand Government authority (including but not limited to OSPRI or MPI).</p> <p>b) AANZ may enforce additional disease protocols beyond those set by the New Zealand Government. In such cases the protocol/regulation will be added to the AANZ Show Regulations.</p> <p>c) All alpacas are bound by the current AANZ Show Regulations and relevant RAS Regulations and must abide by all competition related decisions. In the (unlikely) event of conflict, RAS Regulations hold precedence.</p> <p>d) All alpacas must be in good health, parasite free and comply to animal welfare standards</p> <p>e) Failure to comply with any of the above will result in the exclusion/removal of the animal from the grounds</p>
RATIONALE	
<i>Outline the reason for the remit – eg “the current rules states 3 days. Our proposal states 2. The proposal reduces the waiting period by 1 day. Also note any circumstances or event which may have prompted this remit.</i>	<p>Initially the AANZ voluntary Tb scheme was developed when far less knowledge was available regarding the susceptibility of alpacas to bovine Tb. Since then it has traditionally followed the guidelines of the cattle requirements which have eased significantly over recent years.</p> <p>Recently OSPRI has removed the mandatory testing of cattle in surveillance areas to a request-based approach making it impossible for AANZ to follow suit. Given that there is no legal requirement or scientific rationale for alpacas to be tested in any area, it is time for the (outdated) RAS regulations to be amended accordingly. It is now well over 20 years since any alpaca tested positive to bovine Tb in New Zealand</p> <p>. Many alpaca owners are unwilling or unable to Tb test due to cost and/or availability and are thus excluded from showing to the detriment of both AANZ & RAS.</p>
CONTRA	
<i>Outline what might be the downside or negative.</i>	

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