

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed rescission of Chapter 901:1-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 901:1-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code outline rules pertaining to poultry animals moved within or imported into Ohio. Further, there are rules prescribing the report of flocks found diseased, investigations, and quarantines. The rules are up for five year rule review. In the midst of the review, it was determined that these rules are not necessary as there are other existing administrative code rules which state the same requirements.

Specifically, OAC 901:1-15-02 which outlines rules regarding the movement of poultry animals within Ohio and the importation of poultry can also be found in OAC 901:1-17-11 and OAC 901:1-18-05. Further, the Departments powers with regards to the investigation and quarantine of these animals found in OAC 901:1-15-04 and OAC 901:1-15-05 are also expressly stated in Chapter 941 of the Revised Code. In order to ensure the removal of duplicative code sections, these rules have been proposed to be rescinded.

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The hearing will be held on:

March 6, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 133 (Seminar "B")
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at



ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.



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