

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Ohio Department of Agriculture rules in response to the Regulatory Reform Initiative.

Regulatory Reform Rule Package:

Rule 901-5-05 sets the terms of office and procedures for elections of agricultural societies. The rule has been amended to allow for electronic submission by election clerks.

Rule 901:1-4-13 sets the contents, procedures, and requirements for the examinations for wildlife shelter permit, wildlife propagation permit and restricted snake permit applicants with less than two years of experience in the care of the species that were the subject of the permit application. The rule has been amended to include update methods of communication.

Rule 901:1-5-02 defines an official brucellosis vaccinate. The rule has been amended to no longer require notice by telephone for vaccinations.

Rule 901:4-6-03 sets forth the application and registration process for participating in the Ohio Proud Program. The rule has been amended to add a scanned electronic copy as an acceptable submission.

Rule 901:5-48-04 sets forth the conditions for movement of the regulated articles which originate from a quarantined state. The rule is being amended to no longer require a copy of the certificate to be faxed to the Department. The regulated community has the option to mail or email the certificate.

The hearing will be held on:

October 26, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.
Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 129 (Seminar "A")
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 <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/legal-office/Admin-Rules> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Individuals wishing to listen in during the public hearing may call (614) 721-2972 then enter 69539911#. Testimony will not be received telephonically.

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.

