

Public Notice

The Department of Agriculture, State of Ohio, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendment of administrative rule **901:3-1-01 Criteria and definitions for good manufacturing practices; labeling and standards of identity.**

This rule establishes good manufacturing practices to be followed by food processing establishments to help ensure food products are produced and processed in a safe and sanitary manner. The rule is being amended to include producers of intoxicating beverages within the requirements of the rule.

The hearing will be held Monday, March 21, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., in Hearing Room 133 (Seminar 'B') Bromfield Administration Building, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 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 proposed changes to the rules 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 proposed changes, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

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 their written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; 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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