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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Chapter 901:3-6 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Chapter 901:3-6 of the Ohio Administrative Code regulates farm markets, farmers' markets, and farm product auctions which have registered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3717.22, these regulated areas are exempt from the general retail food establishment requirement so long as they register with the Department. This registration is voluntary however, only through registration is an entity exempt from the retail food establishment licensure. In order to meet this exemption, the regulated areas are only allowed to sell foods that are not potentially hazardous.

The hearing will be held on:

February 3, 2017 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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