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Advisory for on-site inspections of producers for purposes of certification as compliant with Proposition 12 (2018) that are under state for federal disease control mandates.

To Whom It May Concern:

As of January 1, 2024, California Code of regulations (CCR) implementing Proposition 12 (2018), Animal Confinement, included the requirement for enclosure certification for specified producers doing business in the state. (See Chapter 13.8 (commencing with section 25990) of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC)) and applicable sections of Chapter 10 of Division 2 of 3 CCR.)

Specifically, this certification requires an *on-site* inspection for a new certification to be granted and an on-site inspection at least every 12 months for certification to continue. (3 CCR § 1326.5(a)(1)).

Producers who are under direction to limit visitors due to a quarantine or similar premises specific legal order issued by a state or federal agency related to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), or similar regulated disease outbreak, and are scheduled for an on-site inspection with their certifying agent may reach out to CDFA's Animal Care Program to share a copy of the premises specific legal order and discuss rescheduling the required on-site inspection. After reviewing the legal order, CDFA will work together with the producer's certifying agent and if needed the producer's customers to come to a consensus for the required on-site inspections for purposes of certification to be performed at a time when quarantine has been lifted.

Given the on-going threat from many transmissible diseases, CDFA recommends all producers practice enhanced biosecurity with their certifying agents and be prepared ahead of time for their on-site inspection to ensure inspector time on the farm is quick and efficient. This can include reviewing documents virtually or conducting the document review off-site *before* the on-site inspection of enclosures.

Link to Animal Care Program website to find guidance documents for Egg Producers, Veal Producers, and Pork Producers: <https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AnimalCare/>

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Sincerely,

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