



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

February 27, 2019

Dr. Stewart Townsend
Lyrical Foods, Inc.
3180 Corporate Place
Hayward, CA 94545

RE: PETITION FOR TEMPORARY STANDARDS

Dear Dr. Townsend:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) received your petition, dated February 12, 2019, requesting that it consider temporary standards for Almond Milk Cream Cheese and Almond Milk Ricotta in accordance with Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 36632. The Department has granted consideration of the petition and has set the matter for a public hearing in accordance with FAC section 36632(a) and Government Code section 11340.7.

FAC section 36632(a) specifies that in no case shall a temporary standard be granted for a product for which a definition and standard was contained in a bill which was not enacted during the immediately preceding session of the Legislature. Additionally, FAC section 36632(b) requires that the petition shall include a proposed definition, standard, nomenclature, and label for the new product. The petition shall also address the relation between the proposed product and existing definitions and standards established for comparable products. The Department has determined that the petition submitted by Lyrical Foods, Inc., meets the requirements of these sections.

Accordingly, the Department has published a notice of a public hearing to consider the adoption of the temporary standards pursuant to FAC sections 36631–36638. As provided by FAC section 36632(a), the public hearing shall be conducted exclusively by written brief unless an oral hearing is specifically requested by an interested person by close of business, March 14, 2019. The deadline for the submittal of written briefs is 5:00 p.m., April 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (916) 900-5008.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Beam", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Stephen Beam, Chief
Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch
Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division

cc: Karen Ross, Secretary, CDFA
Dr. Annette Jones, State Veterinarian and Director, AHFSS