

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE Karen Ross, Secretary

January 31, 2020

To Manager of California state-designated fairs, trade associations and organizations affiliated with the fairs industry, and the public in general:

Subject: Standard Extension of Public Comment Period for the Proposed Regulations to Adopt Allocation Procedures for Revenue Generated from Sales and Use Tax at State-Designated Fairs

In order to allow for additional time for input the Department is extending the public comment period for another 45 days. The new comment period will run from February 1, 2020 to 11:59 PM on March 16, 2020. This extension does not impact the timetable previously communicated to the industry.

On November 29, 2019, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) published a notice in the California Regulatory Notice Register (Notice File #Z2019-1119-05) proposing to adopt regulations for allocation procedures for revenue generated from sales and use tax at state-designated fairs. Publication of the initial notice initiated a 45-day public comment period that ended after 11:59 PM on January 15, 2020; a public hearing to gather input about the proposal was also conducted by the Department on 1/15/2020.

Duly authorized representatives of California's state-designated fairs, trade associations and organizations affiliated with the fairs industry, and the public in general are invited to submit written input relevant to the proposed action. All input received during the initial comment period is already part of the record and will be considered during the rulemaking process; accordingly, it does not need to be resubmitted to the Department.

Written comments will be accepted until 11:59 PM on March 16, 2020. Comments may be sent via email to either John Quiroz (john.quiroz@cdfa.ca.gov) or Kathy Diaz-Cretu (<u>Kathy.diaz@cdfa.ca.gov</u>), or by mail at 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Comment letters postmarked or otherwise received after the date/time above will not be considered. Please identify any comments you submit with the subject line "Fair Allocation Rulemaking".

After the closing of the comment period the Department may adopt the proposed regulations as presented in the proposal submitted on 11/29/19 to the Office of Administrative Law, may make non-substantial changes, or may propose substantial changes based on the input received. The materials related to the rulemaking process are attached; they can also be found at the following link: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/regulations.html

Sincerely,

Jeff Cesca, Director of Marketing Services

Enclosures: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Text of Proposed Regulations Initial Statement of Reasons



