REGULATION CHANGE DISCUSSION

FAC 27502. "Agent" includes bailee, broker, brokerage, on-line marketplace, commission merchant, factor, auctioneer, solicitor, consignee, and any other person that is acting upon the express or implied authority of another.

FAC 27510. "Egg handler" means a person engaged in the business of producing, candling, grading, packing, marketing for sale, or otherwise preparing shell eggs or pasteurized in-shell eggs for market or who engages in the operation of selling or marketing eggs that he or she has produced, purchased, or acquired from a producer, or which he or she is marketing on behalf of a producer, whether as owner, agent, employee, or otherwise. This section shall not apply to any purchaser who is a retailer and who does not handle eggs in any other capacity, except as a retailer.

3 CCR 1350 (c) Registered egg producers or handlers with 3,000 or more laying hens shall incorporate all of the provisions specified in subsections (c)(1), (2), and (3) in their facility operations:

(1) Implement Salmonella enterica serotype Enteritidis (SE) prevention measures in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services' requirements for the production, storage, and transportation of shell eggs as specified in 21 CFR Part 118;

(2) Implement a SE environmental monitoring program which includes testing for SE in "chick papers," (the papers in which chicks are delivered) and the house environment when the pullets are 14-16 weeks of age, 40-45 weeks of age, 4-6 weeks post-molt, and pre-depopulation (or if first California compliant flock, pre-placement); and

(3) Implement and maintain a vaccination program to protect against infection with SE which includes at a minimum two attenuated live vaccinations and one killed or inactivated vaccination, or a demonstrated equivalent SE vaccination program approved by the Department.