

TITLE 3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF A REQUESTED HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has proposed changes to various sections of Subchapter 2 (commencing with section 1180) of Chapter 4, Division 2, of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations. The proposal was published in the *California Regulatory Notice Register* on February 18, 2011 [Register 2011, No. 7-Z] but no hearing was scheduled. The Department has received a request for a public hearing; therefore, the hearing will be held in accordance with Government Code section 11346.8 for the proposal relating to the regulation of rendering establishments, collection centers, dead animal haulers, and transporters of inedible kitchen grease.

Food and Agricultural Code section 407 authorizes the Department to adopt such regulations that are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of the Food and Agricultural Code which it is authorized to administer or enforce. Chapter 5 (commencing with section 19200), of Part 3, Division 9, of the Food and Agricultural Code, authorizes the Department to regulate, in part, the rendering industry, which includes, collection centers, dead animal haulers, and transporters of inedible kitchen grease. Rendering establishments and collection centers are exempt from inspection by the United States Department of Agriculture but require inspection in California. Dead animal haulers and transporters of inedible kitchen grease are required to be registered with the Department.

This proposal makes various changes to the regulation of rendering establishments, collection centers, dead animal haulers, and transporters of inedible kitchen grease under Subchapter 2 (commencing with section 1180) of Chapter 4, Division 2, of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations. This proposal also incorporates by reference specified forms utilized by the Meat and Poultry Inspection Branch of the Department for use by the rendering industry and incorporates by reference specified standards from the 2007 California Building Code.

Hearing Date, Time, Location

April 29, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., or until all public comments have been received
Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street, 1st Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

Public Comments

Comments shall be presented at the hearing on April 29, 2011. Written comments may be faxed or emailed by 5:00 p.m., April 29, 2011 to the contact person named in this Notice. Any person who submitted a written comment during the 45-day public comment period ending April 4, 2011, which has been extended through April 20, 2011, [as published in the *California Regulatory Notice Register* on March 25, 2011, Register 2011, No. 12-Z] remains in the Department's official rulemaking file.

Contact Persons

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Website Access

Materials regarding this proposal can be found at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/regulations.html>