

**State of California  
Office of Administrative Law**

**In re:**  
Department of Food and Agriculture

**Regulatory Action:**

**Title 03, California Code of Regulations**

**Adopt sections:** 2852.5  
**Amend sections:** 2850, 2851, 2852, 2853,  
2854, 2855, 2856  
**Repeal sections:**

**CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
EMERGENCY REGULATORY ACTION**

**Government Code Sections 11346.1 and  
11349.6**

**OAL Matter Number: 2017-0303-01**

**OAL Matter Type: Emergency (E)**

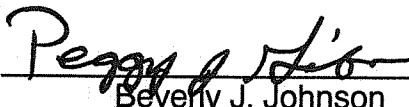
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This emergency regulatory action by the Department of Food and Agriculture adopts and amends sections in CCR title 3, to address the prevention and eradication of weedy rice, which has been identified in California rice growing regions. Weedy rice is one of the most harmful weeds impacting California's rice industry. Weedy rice can spread by planting uninspected seed and can result in more than a 60% reduction of rice yield. This regulatory action establishes protocols for rice producers and handlers to prevent the spread of weedy rice, by mandating the inspection of planting and harvesting equipment, prohibiting the sale of farm saved seed, and requiring producers to provide verification of planting certified seed, as specified.

OAL approves this emergency regulatory action pursuant to sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code.

This emergency regulatory action is effective on 3/13/2017 and will expire on 9/12/2017. The Certificate of Compliance for this action is due no later than 9/11/2017.

Date: March 15, 2017

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