November 9, 2018

To: INDUSTRIAL HEMP ADVISORY BOARD AND ALL INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS

A meeting of the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board has been scheduled. Enclosed is the agenda.

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018
       9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
          1220 N Street, Auditorium
          Sacramento, CA 95814

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Please find the enclosed agenda. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Michelle Phillips
Senior Environmental Scientist

Enclosure(s)

cc: CDFA County/State Liaison Office
California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Industrial Hemp Advisory Board (IHAB) Meeting

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1. Roll Call and Opening Remarks
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2018 Board Meeting
3. Review and Approval of Amendment to List of Approved Seed Cultivars (Per FAC § 81002, attached)
5. Discussion on Importation of Industrial Hemp Planting Materials
6. Discussion on Establishment of Agricultural Pilot Program
7. Brief Update on Program Activities
8. Additional Public Comments
9. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
10. Adjournment

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Proposed Amendment to the List of Approved Seed Cultivars
For Consideration by the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board
at its Meeting on December 12, 2018

In Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Division 4, Chapter 8, Article 2, adopt:

§ 4920. List of Approved Seed Cultivars.

(a) The Secretary, as provided in Section 81002 of the Food and Agricultural Code, adopts the following list of approved seed cultivars.

(1) Industrial hemp seed or propagative materials certified as breeder, foundation, registered, or certified seed or stock by one of the following agencies:

(A) Member organizations of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies,
(B) Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, or
(C) An officially approved and recognized seed-certifying agency listed in Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 3875, as provided in Section 52401 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

(2) Industrial hemp seed or propagative materials produced in a quality assurance program approved by one of the following agencies:

(A) Member organizations of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies,
(B) Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, or
(C) An officially approved and recognized seed-certifying agency listed in Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 3875, as provided in Section 52401 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

(3) Industrial hemp seed or propagative materials produced by a licensed participant in a state industrial hemp agricultural pilot program, pursuant to Section 7606 of the federal Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. Sec. 5940).

(A) The crop from which the seed or propagative materials were harvested from shall have been tested by the licensing authority in the state of origin and found to have no more than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on a dry weight basis.

(B) The commissioner shall be notified of the importation of all propagative materials other than seed into the county. The shipment is subject to inspection by the commissioner and shall not be used for cultivation until released by the commissioner.

(4) Industrial hemp seeds or tissue culture plants imported from outside the United States that meets federal importation requirements.
(A) The crop from which the seeds or tissue culture plants were harvested from shall have been tested by the department of agriculture in the country of origin and found to have no more than three-tenths of one percent THC on a dry weight basis.

(B) The commissioner shall be notified of the importation of all propagative materials other than seed into the county. The shipment is subject to inspection by the commissioner and shall not be used for cultivation until released by the commissioner.

(C) For the purposes of this section, the term “tissue culture” means in vitro material introduced into culture from nodal cuttings at a particular time and from a single plant and grown in aseptic conditions to be used as a source of propagative material.

(5) Industrial hemp seed or propagative materials produced in California in accordance with the provisions of Division 24 of the Food and Agricultural Code and this chapter.

(A) The crop from which the seed or propagative materials were harvested from shall have been tested by a department-approved laboratory and found to have no more than three-tenths of one percent THC on a dry weight basis.

(b) Upon request from the commissioner, a registrant shall provide documentation confirming that any seeds or propagative materials are on the list of approved seed cultivars.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 81002, Food and Agricultural Code
Reference: Sections 81001 and 81002 Food and Agricultural Code