



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Ohio Administrative Code rule 901:1-3-01.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) § 901:1-3-01 outlines regulations for controlling anthrax in bone products. Anthrax is a disease caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. The disease is generally lethal and can affect most animals. Due to the serious nature of the disease, Anthrax is listed as dangerously contagious, infectious and reportable pursuant to OAC § 901:1-21-02. In order to prevent the spread of anthrax, the rule prohibits the use of bone products in animal feedstuffs unless they have been processed in a manner rendering them free from viable anthrax spores.

The rule has been reviewed in accordance with the five year rule review process. It is being amended to make stylistic changes to allow for easier comprehension. Further, the rule is being amended to correct errors that would be in conflict with the Legislative Services Commission drafting manual.

Substantively, in paragraph (F) of the rule, the word “sterilized” has been replaced by the phrase “processed to render them free from viable anthrax spores.” This change was made in order to eliminate any confusion as to the meaning of “sterilized.” The change ensures that the risk of moving anthrax spores is eliminated.

The hearing will be held on:

**May 19, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.**

**Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Bromfield Administration Building  
Hearing Room 129 (Seminar “A”)  
8995 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

**More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at [www.registerofohio.state.oh.us](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us).**



Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at [ecomments@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:ecomments@agri.ohio.gov), or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

