

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LCB File No. R026-15

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT INDUSTRY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION And NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

The Nevada Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 10am at Agriculture Headquarters, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431; Phone: (775) 353-3601. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the Amendment of regulations that pertain to chapter 554 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposal has been designated as File No. R029-15 by the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

The purpose is to solicit public comments from interested persons on the following proposed regulation: NAC 554.055, .730, .765, .769, .910, and .920.; *a regulation relating to agriculture; revising certain references to the address of the State Department of Agriculture; revising provisions relating to the quarantine against potato late blight; clarifying provisions relating to white rot fungus; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

1. The purpose of this amendment is to correct and clarify scientific names, and to update Departmental addresses.
2. Current regulation uses an antiquated scientific name for the tomato genus, and refers to white rot disease fungus with inconsistent terminology; the department address is incorrect. This regulation change proposes to correct these deficiencies.
3. There are no short term or long term economic impacts of this regulation change.
4. There is no cost of enforcement to the department because of this regulation change.
5. There is no duplication or overlap of the proposed regulation change with any regulation of other state, federal or local governmental agencies.
6. The regulation change is not required pursuant to federal law.
7. The regulation change is not more stringent than any federal regulation that regulates the same activity.
8. The proposed regulation change does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

A concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses. Division administration staff determined that this regulation change will not have an effect on small businesses.

The LCB approved revision can be found on the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at www.agri.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Department of Agriculture may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the address below.

Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
ATTN: Robert Little
(775) 353-3729
rlittle@agri.nv.gov

Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Department of Agriculture on or before 5pm on September 16, 2015. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Department of Agriculture may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended will be available at:

Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 South 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431

Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 McLeod
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Nevada Department of Agriculture
4780 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89445

Nevada Department of Agriculture
2150 Frazer Street
Sparks, NV 89431

And in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

NRS 233B.064(2) provides: Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise

statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

The Nevada State Library in Carson City, and all Nevada county libraries. The Department of Agriculture offices in Sparks, Las Vegas or Elko during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Clark County Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Douglas County Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423
Elko County Library, 720 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801
Esmeralda County Library, Corner of Crook & 4th Streets, Goldfield, NV 89013
Eureka Branch Library, 10190 Monroe Street, P.O. Box 293, Eureka, NV 89316
Humboldt County Library, 85 East 5th Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445
Lander County Library, 625 South Broad Street, Battle Mountain, NV 89820
Lincoln County Library, 63 Main Street, Pioche, NV 89043
Lyon County Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447
Mineral County Public Library, 110 1st Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415
Pershing County Library, 1125 Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419
Storey County Public Library, 95 South R Street, Virginia City, NV 89440
Tonopah Public Library, 167 Central Street, Tonopah, NV 89049
Washoe County Library, 301 South Center Street, Reno, NV 89501
White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301
Nevada State Legislature Website: www.leg.state.nv.us

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Public Hearing
Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation

LOCATION: Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 S. 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431
Phone: 775-353-3601

Video-conference to: Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 McLeod Street
Las Vegas, NV 89104
Phone 702-668-4590

DATE AND TIME: Monday, September 21, 2015, 10am.

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Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify The Dept. of Agriculture in writing at 405 S. 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431 or contact Jerri Conrad at 775-353-3619.

Copies of both the State of Nevada Board of Agriculture Agenda with supporting documentation and Open Meeting Minutes are available, at no charge, for inspection at the Dept. of Agriculture 405 S. 21st Street, Sparks, NV, 89431 or Dept. of Agriculture website at www.agri.nv.gov. For additional information contact Jerri Conrad at 775-353-3619.

Notice of this meeting was posted on or before 9:00 a.m. on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations: Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 S. 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 2150 Frazer Ave., Sparks, NV 89431, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 4780 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 2300 McLeod Street, Las Vegas, NV 89104, State of Nevada Capital Building, Carson City NV, State Library and Archives, Carson City.