

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LCB File No. R066-17

DIVISION 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 Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 9:00AM, 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 587, of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposal has been designated as File No. R066-17 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 587; a regulation relating to the general standards for certification of seed as adopted by the Department and NAC 587.931 to 587.937, inclusive, govern the standards for the certification of industrial hemp seed and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment
Pursuant to section 7606 of the 2014 Federal Farm Bill, industrial hemp research trials can be conducted by The Department of Agriculture. The research trials may include marketing of hemp products. This regulation would allow for the growth of certified hemp seed, in order to determine its values and marketability.
2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.
The substance of the regulation is to establish the requirements to produce state certified hemp seed.
3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and in each case must include:
 - a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and
Beneficial effect is to create a source of certified hemp seed within the state of Nevada which would enhance seed availability and improve profitability. There is no adverse effect.
 - b) Both immediate and long-term effects
The immediate effect is that growers can begin developing certified hemp seed and the long term effect is enhanced seed availability and improved profitability.
4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.
The certified hemp seed program is voluntary and minimal fees will cover any cost to the agency.
5. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.
This regulation does not duplicate or overlap any other regulations.
6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.
This regulation is not required under federal law and is a state program to enhance seed availability and profitability.
7. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.
This is a new regulation.

8. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.
[The new regulation establishes a voluntary minimal fees to provide state certification of hemp seed.](#)

A concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses. [Division administration determined that this regulation change will have a positive impact 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: Megan Zich
(775) 353-3670
Mzich@agri.nv.gov

Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Department of Agriculture on or before December 11, 2017. 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 E. St Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89104

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

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
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Pershing County Library, 1125 Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419
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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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada Department of Agriculture Offices
State Capitol Building
State Library and Archives
Dennis Belcourt – AG's Office

FROM: Lynn Hettrick, Division Administrator – 775-353-3729
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SUBJECT: Posting of Agenda for Hearing on Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation Scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 9:00AM.

DATE: November 8, 2017

I have attached a copy of the agenda for the Nevada Department of Agriculture Hearing for Notice of Intent to Act upon a Regulation that will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 9:00AM.

Please post the agenda for R066-17 before 9:00am on November 15, 2017 per *open meeting law* and return this memo to my attention, signed with the date of posting, as I need this for our files.

We appreciate your assistance in this posting.

Thank you.

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation

LOCATION: Nevada Department of Agriculture
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Sparks, NV 89431
Phone: 775-353-3601

Video-conference to: Nevada Department of Agriculture
2300 E. St Louis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89104
Phone: 702-668-4590

Nevada Department of Agriculture
4780 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89801
Phone: 775-738-8076

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 9:00AM

Public comment will be taken on the intent to adopt a regulation. The purpose is to solicit public comments from interested persons on the following proposed regulation: NAC 587; *a regulation relating to the general standards for certification of seed as adopted by the Department and NAC 587.931 to 587.937, inclusive, govern the standards for the certification of industrial hemp seed and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

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 E. St Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104, State of Nevada Capital Building, Carson City NV, State Library and Archives, Carson City.