



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to chapter 901:3-20 of the Administrative Code.

This rule is governed by the Division of Food Safety, and more specifically relates to the production of Cottage Foods. This rule has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and has been proposed as follows. The rules are being amended to make stylistic changes which help ensure comprehension and to amend the rules to ensure compliance with the incorporation by reference rules. Substantively, the rule is being amended to add Fruit Chutneys, Waffle Cones dipped in candy, Maple Sugar, and Flavored Honey, and Dry Soup mixes to the list of permissible cottage foods. The rule is also being amended to clarify that popping corn is not a cottage food product and to clarify that the fruit used in granola products must be commercially dried.

The hearing will be held on:

December 7, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 133 (Seminar “B”)
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.

To obtain copies of these rules, please visit the Register of Ohio at 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, 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.

