



March 24, 2020

Re: Exemption

In furtherance of Governor DeWine's efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in consideration of the orders issued by Dr. Acton and the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Agriculture is taking measures to minimize ODA staff on campus, promote teleworking, and ease the burden of entities that may be operating with reduced staff, while ensuring the continuation of commerce.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 1327.50(E), I am granting the following exemptions from the ODA's administrative requirements.

- For registered service persons and service companies whose standards and testing equipment are due to the department for biennial examination, certification and validation pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 901:6-8-01(F), ODA is granting a limited exemption for the biennial testing requirement. Those requiring validation will be granted a six-month waiver of the requirement, and are not required to provide their standards and testing equipment to ODA for examination and validation until September 23, 2020.
- For registered service persons whose biennial registration is due for renewal pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 901:6-8-01(A)(5), ODA is granting a limited exemption of the requirement that registration must be renewed every two years. Those service persons whose registration is set to expire on or after March 23, 2020 have until September 23, 2020 to renew their registration.

ODA is committed to the continuation of essential services, but also recognizes the difficulty that many businesses face as the State of Ohio works to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Very truly yours,
Ohio Department of Agriculture

Dorothy Pelanda, Director

cc: Fran Elson-Houston, Chief Deputy State Sealer

