DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, notice is hereby given that the Labor Commissioner, pursuant to Section 4-8 and 4-167 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, and under the authority of section 31-372 of the General Statutes, proposes to adopt by reference the following changes in the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards.

It should be noted that, because the scope of the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Act is limited to the public sector employment, these regulations apply only to employment in state and municipal government agencies.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views, or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following publication of this notice by submitting comments through the CT eRegulations portal on the Secretary of the State's website, or by emailing or writing to Attorney Rugens at the address below:

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Any interested party may request a copy of the fiscal note from the Office of Program Policy at the above address.

A public hearing will be held on July 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Office of Program Policy Conference Room at the Connecticut State Labor Department, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Interested parties may submit data, facts, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at this hearing.

The purpose of this regulation is to update Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Standards in accordance with Section 31-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The adoption by reference of these revisions to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards will serve to update Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Standards in accordance with Section 31-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. On January 9, 2017, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published notification of its modifications to the Occupational Exposure to Beryllium, which became effective in private sector general industry and construction employment on March 10, 2017. This final rule establishes new permissible exposure limits for beryllium and also includes other provisions to protect employees, such as requirements for exposure assessment, methods for controlling exposure, respiratory protection, personal protective clothing and equipment, housekeeping, medical surveillance, hazard communication, and recordkeeping.

