

Notice of Intent Form

Instruction Page

LEGAL DISCLAIMER

Agencies are responsible for complying with all currently-effective CGS Chapter 54 and agency-specific statutes. This form and its accompanying instructions do not constitute legal advice. Please consult with your agency's legal counsel before using and submitting this form.

Applicability

In lieu of using this form, agencies may draft a Notice of Intent on agency letterhead that provides the information required by Section 4-168(a) of the *Connecticut General Statutes*.

Delete this instruction page before uploading the completed Notice of Intent to the eRegulations System.

COMPLETION STEPS

1. Save a copy of this form to your computer.
2. Complete all **<text fields>**. Select the entire field as shown here before you enter data. <Insert Date>
3. Complete the following items on the form.
(Letters below correspond to subparagraphs of CGS section 4-168(a).)
 - (A) Specify a public comment period of not less than 30 days. The comment period must start on the day notice of intent is posted to the eRegulations System website. The System will not allow input of a later start date. If your agency typically schedules a delayed start date in order to provide time for interested parties to prepare their comments, you may wish to consider scheduling a comment period longer than 30 days.
 - (B) Provide a description of the proposed regulation sufficiently detailed so as to apprise persons likely to be affected of the issues and subjects involved in the proposed regulations.¹
 - (C) Provide a statement of the purposes for which the regulation is proposed.²
 - (D) Provide a reference to the statutory authority for the proposed regulation.
 - (E) Provide specific details regarding when, where, and how interested persons may present views on the proposed regulations. If the agency is required by statute to hold one or more public hearings, or if the agency has voluntarily decided to hold public hearings, include that information.
 - (F) Provide specific details regarding when, where, and how the public may obtain a copy of the small business impact statement for the proposed regulation and the regulatory flexibility analysis required by section 4-168a, if any.

Please remember to delete this instruction page before submitting the completed Notice of Intent for posting

¹ As of October 1, 2014, the proposed regulation itself must be posted to the eRegulations System as a separate document. It is no longer included in the Notice of Intent.

² Legislative Regulation Review Committee (LRRC) rules require that a detailed, plain language statement of purpose be submitted in a proposed regulation. If desired, agencies may use the LRRC-required statement in a notice of intent. For more information please refer to the rules posted on the Committee's webpage at <http://www.cga.ct.gov/lrr/>

Form ICM-NOI (Rev. 3/2016)
State of Connecticut
Office of the Secretary of the State



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

Please review the accompanying instruction page and disclaimer before completing and submitting this notice for posting to the eRegulations System website. Please contact the Secretary of the State's Office at 860-509-6009 if you have questions.

Notice of Intent

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168(a) of the *Connecticut General Statutes* (CGS) the **Department of Consumer Protection** hereby gives notice that it proposes to adopt a regulation concerning **Uniform Date Labeling for Foods**.

Comment period (See CGS section 4-168(a)(1)(A))

A comment period of not less than thirty days shall begin upon posting of this notice to the eRegulations System website and shall end on **Friday, October 7, 2022 at 5:00pm**.

Detailed description of the proposed regulation. (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(B))

The purpose of this regulation is to prescribe optional uniform date labeling that must be used whenever a packager elects to use date labeling on perishable and non-perishable foods. Open dating is intended for use and understanding by both distributors and consumers when judging food qualities whenever a packager voluntarily elects to use date labeling.

Statement of the purposes for which the regulation is proposed. (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(C))

These regulation changes will allow the Department to more efficiently and effectively regulate this industry to protect the public health and safety. The Department currently regulates the sale of food items through its Food and Standards Division.

Statutory authority (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(D))

Section 12 of Public Act 21-37; Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 43-8a

When, where and how to obtain a copy of the small business impact statement and, if applicable, the regulatory flexibility analysis required pursuant to Sec. 4-168a. (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(E))

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the Department's Legal Division, located at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 901, Hartford, CT 06103, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at 860-713-6086, or by viewing the same by visiting the e-Regulations portal on the website of the Secretary of State: <https://eregulations.CT.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/ProposedRegulations>

When, where and how interested persons may present their views on the proposed regulation

(See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(F))

All interested parties who wish to submit comments, data, views, or arguments may do so in writing up through the closing date of the comment period listed above. Such written materials should be directed to Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, and sent via:

1. electronic submission through the e-Regulations portal on the Secretary of the State's website at the following web address: <https://eregulations.CT.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/ProposedRegulations>, or
2. e-mail to DCP.Regulations@CT.gov.

Dated: September 2, 2022

(signature)

Julianne Avallone
Legal Director