



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

**Notice of Decision to Take Action
 On Proposed Regulation**

Re: Regulations Concerning Standards for Foods

The Department of Consumer Protection held a public hearing on April 15, 2016 to solicit public input regarding proposed revisions to administrative regulations concerning Standards for Foods. Said public hearing had been properly noticed by the Secretary of the State on March 11, 2016.

The purpose of the proposed regulation amendment is to promote uniformity with national requirements for food safety. Regulatory changes incorporated into the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act have sunset 21 CFR 110, which Connecticut currently adopts by reference in this regulation, and replaced it with 21 CFR 117. Failure to make this change could potentially leave Connecticut without a regulatory framework for food safety in the areas regulated by 21 CFR 117.

A letter in support of the regulation update was received during the public comment period from the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station, and the Department of Consumer Protection's Division of Food and Standards sent a representative to the public hearing to provide oral comments in support of the regulation. No comments were received in opposition to these proposed regulations, and no comments suggested changes to the proposed text. As such, no changes will be made to the proposed regulations.

The published version of the regulation, made available on the website of the Secretary of the State, will continue moving forward through the process leading to consideration by the Regulation Review Committee of the General Assembly. The Department will now continue the process by forwarding these Regulations to the Office of the Attorney General for review. Thank you for your interest in this proposed regulation and the work of the Department of Consumer Protection.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan A. Harris
 Commissioner

Dated: May 13, 2016