

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the authority granted in Sections 4-168 and 21a-115 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the intention of the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by adding Sections 21a-115-33 through to 21a-115-77, concerning standards for foods.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 119, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 at 10:00 a.m. on November 19, 2012.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. Such written materials should be directed to William M. Rubenstein, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, Room 103, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106.

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Small Business Impact Statement applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the address cited above, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at 860-713-6086, or by viewing the same by clicking on the "Laws and Regulations" link on the Internet homepage of the Department:

www.CT.gov/DCP.

The purpose of these regulations is to unify Federal and State regulation of food products. The new standards are in conformance with national standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"). The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is working jointly with the Department in proposing these regulations.

These changes arise from the Department's participation in the "Manufactured Foods Regulatory Program Standards" ("MFRPS"), a continuous improvement effort led by Federal Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") to improve local programs that regulate food manufacturers.

The legal effect of this proposal would be to adopt new regulation Sections that incorporate definitions and rules set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations.