

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO

Title 3. Food and Agriculture

Section 105. Minimum Qualifications – County Agricultural Inspector/Biologist and

Section 108. Minimum Qualifications – County Weights and Measures Inspector

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The initial statement of reasons overview is still valid.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

No request for hearing was received during the 45-day public comment period, which ended on October 25, 2010. Accordingly, no hearing was scheduled or held.

The Department of Food and Agriculture received four comment letters from regional county agricultural commissioners and sealers associations during the 45-day comment period in support of the proposed amendments as written. After the comment period ended, the Department received one additional letter of support of the proposed amendments as written from an additional regional association. The Department appreciates the associations' review of the regulations.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Department has determined that Sections 105 and/or 108 do not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. No reimbursement is required for Sections 105 and/or 108 under Section 17561 of the Government Code because there are no mandated costs associated with this regulation.

The Department also has determined that no savings or increased costs to any state agency, no reimbursable costs or savings under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code to local agencies or school districts, no nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies or school districts, and no costs or savings in federal funding to the State will result from the proposed action.

The cost impact of the changes in the regulations on a representative private person or business is expected to be insignificant. The Department has determined that this action will not have a significant adverse impact on housing costs or California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

ASSESSMENT

The Department has made an assessment that this amendment to the regulations would not (1) create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) create new business or eliminate existing businesses within California, or (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

UPDATE OF MATERIAL RELIED UPON

No additional studies, reports, or similar documents were relied upon by the Department of Food and Agriculture in proposing these regulations.