

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY MIKE STRAIN DVM

COMMISSIONER



NOTICE OF MEETING
AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY AND SEED COMMISSION
April 19, 2017
9:30 A.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BLVD
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

#### **AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- V. SET NEXT HEARING DATE
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Update on Seed Programs Division and Emergency Rule to suspend certified seed rice minimum germination standards
  - B. Update on Agricultural Chemistry Programs

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Seed Programs Division rule changes:
  - Noxious Weeds Correct spelling and reduce noxious weed seed limitations
  - 2. Laboratory Fees Add Canadian and ISTA testing services; clarify Purity Exam; exclude certain noxious weed seeds from the All-State Noxious Weed Seed Exam; clarify Seed Count Exam procedures; add, define and list the fee for a Bulk Exam
  - 3. Labeling of Seed allow abbreviations for Annual and Perennial Ryegrass; exclude the month from the nine month test date period; harmonize the rule concerning the use of relabeling stickers with the seed law
  - 4. Germination Standards for Vegetable Seeds clarify that the minimum vegetable germination shall include hard seed; adds new kinds and updates the minimum vegetable germination standards for certain kinds
  - 5. Standard for Agricultural Seed reduces the Total Weed Seed content from two and one half percent to one percent
  - 6. Sugarcane (Tissue Culture) Certification Standards include all species of Black Nightshade as noxious weeds in certified seed cane

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## VIII. HEARING

- A. Seed Programs Division Case No. 17-01 Tractor Supply Company # 1810
- B. Seed Programs Division Case No. 17-02 Lowe's Home Centers # 589

# C. Agricultural Chemistry Division

## 1. Continued Cases

Companies charged with three (3) delinquent fertilizer tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years:

Case No. 16 - 06	Ecoscraps
Case No. 16 - 08	Oakley Fertilizer / Dumas
Case No. 16 - 09	Oakley Fertilizer/North Little Rock
Case No. 16 - 11	VF-11 Industries

Companies charged with three (3) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years:

Case No. 16 - 24	Nutrinsic Corporation
Case No. 16 - 27	Tengo USA LLC

### 2. New Cases

Companies charged with four (4) delinquent feed/pet food tonnage reports with no prior appearances in the past five years:

Case No. 17 – 03	Bluegrass Equine Products, Inc.
Case No. 17 - 04	Evanger's Dog & Cat Food Co., Inc.
Case No. 17 - 05	Organic Products, LLC

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

### X. ADJOURNMENT

THIS NOTICE CONTAINS A TENTATIVE AGENDA AND MAY BE REVISED PRIOR TO THE MEETING. REVISED NOTICES CAN BE REVIEWED ON THE BOARD OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUM IN WHICH THE MEETING WILL BE HELD.