

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

SP 03-01 Aging of Raw Cheese

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

Issue date: September 19, 2003

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

The Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) is authorized to encourage and foster the production and consumption of Arizona agricultural products domestically and abroad.

A.R.S. § 3-624(D) states that cheese made from unpasteurized milk, hard cheese, is to be aged for a period of at least one year from the date of moulding. Substantial scientific evidence exists indicating a shorter period is effective and protects public health. While the Department pursues a change to statute, the period of aging used by producers may be reduced to 60 days from the date of moulding.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

New policy statement

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

Copies may be obtained from the rules analyst listed in item #5. The first 20 pages of a document are copied free. Additional copies are 25¢ per page and postage, if necessary, is additional.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

SP 03-02 Certificates of Free Sale

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

Issue date: October 3, 2003

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

The Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) is authorized to encourage and foster the production and consumption of Arizona agricultural products domestically and abroad.

R3-6-101(B)(2), Certificate of Free Sale, limits issuance of duplicate copies to a period within three months of the original issue date. The ADA has been advised that customs at the Arizona-Mexico border accepts a Certificate for a one-year period from date of issue. Substantive Policy 03-02 advises the agricultural industry and the public of a revised policy on duplicate certificates. The ADA will now issue duplicate certificates for a one-year period from the date of original issue and at the existing cost of \$1 per page, plus postage.

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