

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening when an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[R06-469]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 3, Agriculture
Chapter and its heading: 2, Department of Agriculture – Animal Services Division
Article and its heading: 9, Egg and Egg Products Control
Section numbers: R3-2-905 (As a part of this rulemaking, the Department may add, delete or modify additional Sections as necessary.)
- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
The Department of Agriculture is initiating this rulemaking in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare by avoiding an imminent budget cut. If the budget is depleted, the Department will be forced to reduce the number of inspectors which will result in fewer inspections. Without the ability to monitor the quality of eggs that reach the consumer, the public health, safety and welfare will be placed in jeopardy.
- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Notice of Emergency Rulemaking: 12 A.A.R. 4063, October 27, 2006
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 12 A.A.R. 4652, December 22, 2006 (*in this issue*)
- 4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
Written comments: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
Oral comments: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
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- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
Unknown