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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agricultural Resources, under its authority pursuant to the Code of Massachusetts Regulations Title 330, and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the regulations at 330 CMR 35.00, Regulations Implementing the Act to Prevent Cruelty to Farm Animals, to remove language stricken from the Act in recent federal litigation; exempt transshipped product, which is otherwise covered product produced outside of Massachusetts that subsequently enters and exits Massachusetts without additional processing or repackaging, exclusively for the purpose of sale or export outside of Massachusetts, from the Act's coverage to address constitutional concerns raised in a second federal case; clarify the existing ground or comminuted pork exemption; and, address other minor corrections.

A public hearing will be held on 330 CMR 35.00 on the following date:
September 23, 2026, from 11:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M. Eastern Time

Please note this hearing will be held virtually via Zoom. To join the hearing, please use either the link or the call-in telephone number below:

Topic: Q3 Regulations Public Hearing

Time: Sep 23, 2026 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Testimony may be presented orally at the virtual hearing or in writing. Written comments will be accepted until **October 8, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.** Written testimony must be submitted by e-mail to Michael.Cahill@mass.gov or by mail to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health, 100 Cambridge Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

The proposed regulations are available on the MDAR website at [MDAR Proposed Amendments to Regulations](#) or may be obtained by emailing Michael Cahill at Michael.Cahill@mass.gov. For special accommodations for this event or to obtain this information in an alternative format, you may contact ADA and Diversity Manager, Gabriella Knight, at Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov or call 857-268-0629.