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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 M.G.L. c. 128, § 32 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, will hold a public hearing on amendment of 330 CMR 8.00. In summary, some of the proposed changes include: (1) changes made to highlight and clarify M.G.L. c. 128; (2) providing accurate scientific and technical information; (3) changes to better align with New England states and common practices of other regulatory programs working with animals; (4) providing defense against introduction of new potentially hazardous pests, parasites, and pathogens that may enter the Commonwealth; (5) providing clearer language of Apiary Program inspectors' regulatory authority; and (6) changes to ensure honey bee health in Massachusetts by allowing for better methods of detection, tracking, and control of pests, parasites, and pathogens.

The public hearing will be held on the following date:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this hearing will be held via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83997301250?pwd=dE8zdDFMZHhJQ0ZkdWpyQkxpR0c2QT09>

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Testimony may be presented orally at the hearing or in writing. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Written testimony must be submitted by email to kim.skyrm@mass.gov or by mail to Kim Skyrn, 138 Memorial Avenue, Suite 42, West Springfield, MA 01089.

The proposed regulation is available on the MDAR website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mdar-proposed-amendments-to-regulations>, or may be obtained by calling Kim Skyrn at 413-726-

2007. For special accommodations for this event or to obtain this information in an alternative format, you may contact ADA coordinator, Donald Gomes, at 617-626-1608.