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Notice is hereby given that the Office of the Attorney General affords interested persons an opportunity to present data, views or arguments regarding the establishment of 940 C.M.R. 36.00, the Regulations Implementing the Act to Prevent Cruelty to Farm Animals.

- a) The regulatory authority for such action is Chapter 333 of the Acts of 2016, An Act to Prevent Cruelty to Farm Animals.
- b) The regulation establishes procedures for implementing the provisions of Chapter 333 of the Acts of 2016, as enacted, to prevent animal cruelty by phasing out extreme methods of farm animal confinement and the sale of products produced from animals confined in such manners. The regulation clarifies the obligations of producers and retailers of covered shell eggs, veal meat, and pork meat in the Commonwealth and outlines the authority of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate and enforce violations.
- c) The proposed regulation will be on the Office's website: <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/regulations-implementing-the-act-to-prevent-cruelty-to-farm-animals-940-cmr-3600</u>. The proposed regulation may also be requested by calling the Policy and Government Relations Division at 617.963.2700.
- d) A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00pm. Information to attend will be posted on: <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/regulations-implementing-the-act-to-prevent-cruelty-to-farm-animals-940-cmr-3600</u>.
- e) Comments may be submitted electronically or in writing.

Electronic comments should be submitted to <u>agoregulations@mass.gov</u>, and include a reference to "Farm Animal Confinement Regulations" in the subject line.

To submit comments in writing, comments may be mailed to:

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f) Comments must be submitted by 5:00PM on August 3, 2021.