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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 Chapter 333 of the Acts 2016, as amended by Chapter 108 of the Acts of 2021, "An Act further regulating hen welfare and establishing cage-free standards," and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, will hold a public hearing on proposed draft regulations at 330 CMR 35.00. 330 CMR 35.00 codifies the Department's role in the implementation of this legislation, which is intended to prevent animal cruelty by phasing out certain methods of farm animal confinement in the hopes of reducing potential fiscal and health threats to Massachusetts consumers. In general, the Regulation impacts anyone involved in the production and/or sale of veal meat, pork meat, shell eggs, and egg products in the Commonwealth.

One public hearing will be held on the following date:
April 8, 2022, at 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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: Regulations Implementing Act to Prevent Cruelty to Animals Public Hearing
Time: 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84437322080?pwd=R2NnZ3FFbXFEMVNHTVJ2aXFqRmxtUT09>
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Testimony may be presented orally at the virtual hearing or in writing. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on April 15, 2022. Written testimony must be submitted by e-mail to michael.cahill@mass.gov or by mail to MDAR Division of Animal Health, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114.

The proposed regulation is available on the MDAR website at this [link](#) or may be obtained by calling Michael Cahill at 617-626-1794. 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.