



Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Gary W. Black
Commissioner

DATE: August 14, 2013

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider the Adoption of an Amendment to Rule 40-13-4-.04

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 and O.C.G.A. § 4-4-2, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be accepting written comments regarding a proposed amendment to Rule 40-13-4-.04 entitled “Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Requirements”. The Department will be accepting written comments from August 14, 2013, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on September 13, 2013.

SYNOPSIS, MAIN FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES:

The Department is proposing to amend Rule 40-13-4-.04 entitled “Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Requirements” by removing the requirement that dairy herds be tested for tuberculosis ever six (6) years. Paragraph (5) of Rule 40-13-4-.04 would be amended to provide that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will conduct tuberculosis tests on any dairy herd suspected of being infected with or exposed to Mycobacterium bovis at such times as deemed necessary by state and/or federal animal health officials. Georgia Department of Agriculture animal health officials will also reserve the right to supervise and monitor any tuberculosis testing and the associated control and eradication activities.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department will be accepting written comments from August 14, 2013, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on September 13, 2013. Comments will be considered on September 13, 2013. Please submit written comments to:

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Interested persons may call or submit a written request to obtain a copy of the proposed rule. A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rule may be downloaded from the Georgia Department of Agriculture website at www.agr.georgia.gov.

This notice is given in compliance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.