



Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Gary W. Black
Commissioner

DATE: August 6, 2014

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider the Adoption of Amendments to Rule 40-4-7-.05 relating to Restrictions on the Movement of Vegetable Transplants into Georgia

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. § 2-7-23, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be accepting written comments regarding the adoption of amendments to Rule 40-4-7-.05 relating to Restrictions on the Movement of Vegetable Transplants into Georgia. The Department will be accepting written comments from August 6, 2014, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on September 8, 2014.

SYNOPSIS, MAIN FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES:

The Department is proposing to amend Rule 40-4-7-.05 entitled "Restrictions" by removing the requirement in 40-4-7-.05(1)(a) that all vegetable transplants be treated with a "Neonicotinoid class insecticide or other" insecticide. However, under the proposed amendment to Rule 40-4-7-.05, all vegetable transplants must still be treated with an insecticide approved by the Commissioner.

The Department is also proposing to amend Rule 40-4-7-.05 by removing the requirement in 40-4-7-.05(1)(c) that any grower or seller shipping onion transplants (Alliaceae family) into Georgia provide information in writing to the Georgia Department of Agriculture in advance of shipment regarding the destination of transplants, quantity of shipment, and variety(ies) shipped.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department will be accepting written comments from August 6, 2014, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on September 8, 2014. Comments will be considered on September 9, 2014. 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 amendments. A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rule amendments 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.