



Date: June 26, 2020

Action: Notice of Intent to Consider the Adoption of Rules for the Agricultural Commodity Commission on Propane

To all interested persons and parties:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. § 2-8-200, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture (Department) will be accepting written comments on behalf of the Agricultural Commodity Commission on Propane (Commission) regarding the adoption of Title 42 entitled *Agricultural Commodity Commission for Propane*. The Department will be accepting written comments on behalf of the Commission from June 26, 2020, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on July 29, 2020.

SYNOPSIS

The Department proposes to promulgate initial rules on behalf of the Agricultural Commodity Commission on Propane regarding the Commission's administration. These proposed rules will assist the Commission in conducting business under the statutory powers given by the Georgia General Assembly. A summarization of the proposed rules is set forth below.

Title 42 Agricultural Commodity Commission for Propane

Chapter 42-1 Rules of Commission

Subject 42-1-1 General

Rule 42-1-1-.01 entitled *Administration* establishes roles associated with the administration of the Commission.

Rule 42-1-1-.02 entitled *Definitions* defines key terms used throughout the proposed rules.

Rule 42-1-1-.03 entitled *Meetings* establishes the rules of order for the Commission's meetings.

Rule 42-1-1-.04 entitled *Office of the Commission* establishes the address for the Commission's office.

Subject 42-1-2 Organization

Rule 42-1-2-.01 entitled *Creation and Structure* establishes the Commission's composition, membership requirements, and existence requirements.

Rule 42-1-2-.02 entitled *Powers* establishes the Commission's powers.

Subject 42-1-3 Funds and Expenses

Rule 42-1-3-.01 entitled *Funds* establishes powers and requirements for the handling of funds by the Commission.

Rule 42-1-3-.02 entitled *Administrative Expense Exclusions* classifies certain expenditures as administrative expenses.

Subject 42-1-4 Marketing Orders

Rule 42-1-4-.01 entitled *Issuance of Marketing Order* establishes requirements for the issuance of a marketing order.

Rule 42-1-4-.02 entitled *Referendum* establishes requirements regarding the Commission's holding of a referendum.

Rule 42-1-4-.03 entitled *Opt-Out Provisions* establishes opt-out requirements.

Subject 42-1-5 Assessments

Rule 42-1-5-.01 entitled *Responsibilities of Distributors* establishes responsibilities associated with the collection of assessments.

Rule 42-1-5-.02 entitled *Payment and Collection of Assessments* establishes provisions for the collection of assessments.

Subject 42-1-6 Public Hearings

Rule 42-1-6-.01 entitled *Notice of Hearing* establishes the notice requirements for hearings conducted pursuant to the Commission's authority.

Rule 42-1-6-.02 entitled *Hearing* establishes the requirements for hearings conducted pursuant to the Commission's authority.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Department will be receiving written comments on behalf of the Commission from June 26, 2020, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on July 29, 2020. The Department will forward all comments to the Commission for consideration following the comment period's closure. 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.