



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Gary W. Black, Commissioner

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DATE: March 15, 2018

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider Amendments to Rule 40-12-4-.01 entitled "Limitations on Noxious Weed Seeds"

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. §§ 2-11-21 and 50-13-4, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be accepting written comments regarding the adoption of amendments to Rule 40-12-4-.01 entitled "Limitations on Noxious Weed Seeds." The Department will be accepting written comments from March 15, 2018, to the close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on April 16, 2018.

SYNOPSIS, MAIN FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES:

The Department is proposing to amend Rule 40-12-4-.01 by updating the list of prohibited noxious weed seeds in paragraph (a) and by updating the list of restricted noxious weed seeds in paragraph (b). The Department is also proposing to add a new paragraph (d) which would incorporate 7 C.F.R 360 entitled Noxious Weed Regulations, as well as all subsequent amendments and editions, by reference. Accordingly, all seed and vegetative propagules of weeds listed in 7 C.F.R. 360 would be prohibited to be intermixed or commingled with any seed covered under O.C.G.A. § 2-11-22.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department will be accepting written comments from March 15, 2018, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on April 16, 2018. Comments will be considered on April 17, 2018. 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 rules. A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rules 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