



Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Gary W. Black
Commissioner

DATE: March 22, 2017

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider Amendment to Rule 40-4-21-.04 relating to Horticultural Growing Media

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. §§ 2-12-104 and 50-13-4, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be accepting written comments regarding an amendment to Rule 40-4-21-.04 entitled “Sampling and Analyses.” The Department will be accepting written comments from March 22, 2017, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on April 21, 2017.

SYNOPSIS, MAIN FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES

The Department is proposing to amend current Rule 40-4-21-.04 entitled “Sampling and Analyses” to clarify that the Commissioner or his duly designated agent is authorized to collect samples of horticultural growing media upon demand without charge or cost from any public or private premises within this state in which horticultural growing media is manufactured, processed, packed, stored, distributed or held for distribution and from any vehicle used to transport or hold such horticultural growing media. Methods of sampling shall be those prescribed by the Commissioner.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department will be accepting written comments from March 22, 2017, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on April 21, 2017. Comments will be considered on April 24, 2017. 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.