



Minnesota Department of Agriculture

November 28, 2000

651/296-6906

Michele Timmons, Revisor of Statutes
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Dear Ms. Timmons:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subd. 5, below is the report on obsolete, unnecessary and duplicative rules of the Department of Agriculture.

I. Status of rules identified as obsolete in 1999

1. Weather Modification; parts 1560.3300 - 1560.5300.
Repealed
2. Christmas Tree Standards; parts 1560.0100 - 1560.1600.
Request for Comment to repeal rules published on November 6, 2000.
Repeal should be completed by April 1, 2001.
3. Dairy Industry Standards; parts 1525.0620, 1525.0660, 1530.1430, and 1530.2020.
The department has submitted a preliminary proposal to the governor's office to incorporate sections of the Code of Federal Regulations into Minnesota Statutes. If this proposal is approved and the legislation passes, major sections of Chapter 1525 and almost all of 1530 can be repealed.

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II. Obsolete, unnecessary and duplicative rules for 2000

1. Cheese and Cheese Product Standards; Chapter 1535.
A Request for Comment to repeal almost all of this chapter was published on August 21, 2000. The Notice of intent should be published within the next few weeks, and the repeal should be complete by the end of February.

2. Meat, Fish and Poultry Industry, Chapter 1545, and Food Definitions and Standards, Chapters 1555

A review of these two chapters will be done to determine the extent to which they duplicate federal regulations. It is anticipated that some of 1545 and almost all of 1555 can be repealed, but the review must be done first. Staff time does not allow this review to start until the dairy rules have been finished. The review should start in the fall of 2001.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Carol Milligan,
Rules Coordinator