



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to sections 901:1-7-05, 901:1-9-01, and 901:1-9-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The rules in this package regulate hog cholera, also known as classical swine fever, in the state of Ohio. After stakeholder outreach it was determined that these rules are no longer necessary. Specifically, this disease has been eradicated from the United States since 1978. Any outbreak of this disease would be controlled by the federal government. Therefore, these rules shall be rescinded.

Ohio Administrative Code 901:1-9-01 outlines the use of classical swine fever biologics. The rule states that any use of the biologics must be used by a licensed veterinarian and reported to the Department.

Ohio Administrative Code 901:1-9-02 controls the sale of these biologics. According to the rule, all sales must be permitted by the Department and can only be made to licensed veterinarians. As this disease has been eradicated these sales have ceased. Therefore, the rule is not necessary.

Ohio Administrative Code 901:1-7-05 states that all cars, trucks, vehicles, chutes, pens, sheds, and premises which have contained swine found affected with classical swine fever or suspected of being affected shall be cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of the department or its authorized personnel. This rule is both duplicative and unnecessary. As the disease has been eradicated this situation has not occurred. Further, classical swine fever is on the dangerously contagious and reportable disease list in OAC 901:1-21-02. As such, any instance of this disease must be cleaned in accordance with Chapter 941 of the Revised Code.

The hearing will be held on:

December 29, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 133 (Seminar "B")
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.



More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

