

## NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening when an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

*Editor's Note: The following Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening was reviewed per the Governor's Regulatory Review Plan memorandum, January 22, 2009 and the continuations issued April 30 and June 29, 2009. (See the memoranda in this issue on pages 1574 through 1576.) The Governor's Office authorized the notice to proceed through the rulemaking process on August 31, 2009.*

[R09-87]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 3, Agriculture  
**Chapter and its heading:** 2, Department of Agriculture – Animal Services Division  
**Article and its heading:** 2, Meat and Poultry Inspection  
**Section number:** R3-2-202
- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**  
The Department proposes to amend R3-2-202 concerning meat and poultry inspection and slaughtering procedures in order to update the federal regulations incorporated by reference to the 2009 version of those regulations. The newer version of the federal regulations contains updated provisions aimed at preventing the transmittal of bovine spongiform encephalopathy to humans via the food supply.
- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**  
Not applicable
- 4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**  
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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**  
The Department will accept written comments at the address listed in item 4 for at least 30 days following publication of this notice. The Department has not scheduled an oral proceeding at this time.
- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**  
The Department hopes to file a notice of proposed rulemaking as well as a notice of emergency rulemaking with the Attorney General's Office within two weeks of filing this notice.