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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Good morning. My name is Brad Deacon and I am the hearing officer for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Today, I am conducting the public hearing on the proposed changes to rules 205, two, 14 and 2:15 within Regulation 623 titled Field seed certification.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

For the record, the date is August 18th, 2022 and the time is 9:00 AM.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

We are conducting this hearing both in person here in the Theodore Brown conference room in Constitution Hall, 525 W Allegan St, Lansing, MI, and virtually using Microsoft Teams to allow for greater participation by interested parties across the state without having to drive to the Lansing area.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

President present today from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development are Michael Phillip, director, pesticide and Plant Pest Management division, Jamie Guardiola.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

And Joshua cynic.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and its director, Gary McDowell, welcome to today's public hearing. We very much appreciate your interest in attendance today.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

This hearing is being conducted under authority provided to the director in the certification of Seed Act at Section 286.72 of the Michigan compiled laws. The director is the legal seed certifying officer of the state and may promulgate rules governing the certification of seed as to variety, type, strain or other genetic character, and the labeling of certified seed and may adopt general seeds certification standards in cooperation with certifying agencies.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Notice of this public hearing was published in the Michigan Register on August 1st, 2022, in issue #13 of 2022.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Legal notices were also published in the Grand Rapids Press and the Saint Joseph Harold Palladium on July 19th, and the Economic Daily Press on July 20th.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

This hearing is being recorded using Microsoft Teams, and a transcript will be generated if needed.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Copies of the proposed amendments to rules to 042, fourteen and 2:15 for Regulation, 623 fields seed certification, as well as the regulatory impact statement and cost benefit analysis.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Developed by the department are available from the department and have been posted on the website for the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules. Written comments must be received by the close of business tomorrow, Friday, August 19th, 2022 until 5:00 PM if anyone has written comments, but it's not yet sent them, please raise your hand in the virtual room and I will provide an e-mail address, fax number, or US mailing address.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Asked that everyone in attendance who wishes to speak in today's hearing a hearing to please raise your hand in the virtual setting if you are able to do so, I will call on everyone who indicates a desire to speak, including those who are attending by telephone only.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Anyone present who wishes to have their attendance included in the record but who does not wish to speak, please provide your name and city in the chat function. If you are unable to do that, I will ask that for that information as well. At the conclusion of the hearing.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

But when I call on you to speak, please state your name. Spell your last name and indicate whom you represent. If you represent an organization.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

By way of ground rules, let me stay state that our purpose today is to gather comments and concerns from the public for the record, which will be considered during the administrative rulemaking process.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

In synopsis, the proposed changes to rules 204, two, 14, and 2:15 of Regulation 623 would align Michigan standards with current national standards on distance requirements for production of certified seed. At this point, I will call on Michael Phillip from the department's pesticide and Plant Pest Management division for any additional comments.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

No additional comments, but thank you.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

We have one person in.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

In Constitution Hall with us. And so with that, I will ask if you have any public comments.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Uh, my name is Christie G Last name is TIEDJE.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Uh, I.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Represent Michigan crop improvements. The seat certification agency and from a.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Without.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

From a functional standpoint to we support these changes they have been.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Supported by our Board of Directors as an association, they are.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

In alignment with some of the other industry, there's a most recent another state that has developed similar standard changes. Wisconsin crop improvement. They have just within the last year made.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

An amendment to allowing them to 20 other crop in similar situation.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Umm.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

But but we we think that this is going to benefit to the the.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

This the seed industry by allowing.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Easier and and more.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

More readily available boat seat in particular to the market, without really compromising any any any.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Any effects to to either the the seed that the grain industry?

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Or.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Farmers in general.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Thank you.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Looking at the chatters and do we have? We have no other members of the public.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

If there are no other members of the public who would like to speak, we will take a recess. The time is 906.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

And we will work reconvene at 9:35.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

At this point, at 9:35, we will reconvene to take any additional public comment.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

The time is 935. We've asked if and there are still no one else on online.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

If anyone for the record, I have not received any additional slips or notices of people wishing to speak or who have spoken or wish to make additional comments that we remind everyone that written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM tomorrow, Friday, August 19th.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

2022 If anyone needs information on how to provide that to department, please say so, let me know or see me after the hearing.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN

Thank you all to all who attended today's public comment. Hearing your interest in this matter is certainly appreciated. This hearing is closed at 9:36.

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CH-ATN-THEODORE-BROWN