

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the authority granted in Sections 4-168 and 21a-115 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the intention of the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by amending Section 21a-115-56.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 119, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106 at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2016.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. Such written materials should be directed to Jonathan A. Harris, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, Room 103, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106.

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Small Business Impact Statement applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the address cited above, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at 860-713-6086, or by viewing the same by clicking on the "Laws and Regulations" link on the Internet homepage of the Department: www.CT.gov/DCP.

The purpose of these regulations is to promote uniformity with national requirements for food safety. Proposed regulatory changes incorporated in the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) will sunset 21 CFR 110 which Connecticut currently adopts for and replace it with 21 CFR 117. 21 CFR 110 entitled "Current good manufacturing practices in manufacturing, packing, or holding human food" provides the CORE regulatory framework for inspection of such entities engaged in those activities. Failure to make this change could potentially leave Connecticut without a regulatory framework for food safety in those areas indicated above.

To promote uniformity in the regulation of food businesses engaged in manufacturing, packing, or holding human food offered for sale in the State of Connecticut.

The legal effect of this proposal is to meet obligations for uniformity in the application and interpretation of State law to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act pursuant to sections 21a-91 and 21a-120 of the Connecticut General Statute.