

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Produce Safety Rule

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-40-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 12/24/2018

Hearing Date: 01/23/2019

End of Public Comment: 01/28/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 2-1-9 and 2-1-10

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of this regulation is to adopt minimum safety standards for the growing, harvesting, packing and holding of produce for human consumption that are consistent with those established by the FDA pursuant to 21 C.F.R. § 112 (2016).

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until January 28, 2019 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held on January 23, 2019 at 2:30 pm at Room 300, 235 Promenade Street, 3rd Floor, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-5300 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

N/A

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.