

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

**AGENCY:** Department of Environmental Management

**DIVISION:** Agriculture

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 250-RICR-40-05-1

**RULE TITLE:** RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:**

The Department of Environmental Management, Division of Agriculture (RIDEM) has proposed amendments to this regulation in order to update the standard for animals being imported for the purpose of fair, show or exhibition, including the addition of a definition of "Responsible party," as well as to update outdated hyperlinks, addresses, and terminology. A summary of substantive changes between current and proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- Definition of "Responsible party" added to Section 1.5
- Outdated hyperlink amended in Section 1.7(F)
- Internal reference corrected in Section 1.10(B)
- Internal reference corrected in Section 1.15(C)
- Section 1.17 title capitalized
- Internal citations and street addresses corrected in Section 1.21
- Section 1.22 title capitalized
- Section 1.22 revised to update the standard for animals being imported for the purpose of fair, show or exhibition

**ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:**

*(if any)*

**TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS:** The Department received no objections or negative comments related to the proposed amendments.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** No changes were made from the rule that was sent out to public notice.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:**

The Department has conducted a cost benefit analysis and determined that there will be a net benefit attained by the proposed changes referenced above. This amendment will reduce regulatory burden on people who import animals for exhibition.

**DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD:**