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Date: November 6, 2026

To: Office of Legal Services

From: Scott Marshall, State Veterinarian/Division of Agriculture and Forest Environment

RE: Repeal of Rules Related to Cultural Practices for Branding Products of the Farm (250-RICR-40-20-9)

Public notice of proposed repeal of the regulation 'Rules Related to Cultural Practices for Branding Products of the Farm (250-RICR-40-20-9)' was posted to the Secretary of State's website on 10/5/2026. The public comment period ended 11/4/2026. The public notice stated: "In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice." The Department did not receive a request for a public hearing, nor did we receive any comments, therefore the Department wishes to proceed with repeal of the regulations.