STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE 235 PROMENADE STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

TITLE: Rules Related to Cultural Practices for Branding Products of the Farm, Amendment 3.

PURPOSE: Ensure proper representation of cultural practices for branding products of

the farm.

AUTHORITY: Chapters 42-35, 42-17.1 and Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 21-20: Fruits and Vegetables Generally.

Section 1.00 Definition:

Rhode Island Certified Conservation Farm Product: Any fruit, vegetable or other agricultural product offered for sale or distribution that has been produced upon a Rhode Island farm designated as a Rhode Island certified "One Star", "Two Star", "Three Star", or "Four Star" Conservation farm by the Rhode Island Division of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Management. Such certification will be determined annually by the Rhode Island Conservation Farm Committee and is based upon integrated pest management and environmentally sensitive cultural practices standard adopted yearly by the Chief of the Division of Agriculture as part of the Rhode island Grown Agricultural Logo Program.

Rhode Island Certified Organic: Any fruit or vegetable or other vegetative product offered for sale or distribution that has been grown upon a Rhode Island farm designated as a Rhode Island Certified Organic Farm by the Rhode Island Division of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Management. Farm designation is based upon organic cultural practices standard adopted yearly by the Chief of the Division of Agriculture as part of the R.I. Grown Agricultural Logo Program.

Rhode Island Certified Transitional Organic: Any fruit or vegetable or other vegetative product offered for sale or distribution that has been grown upon a Rhode Island Farm designated as a Rhode Island Certified Transitional Organic Farm by the Rhode Island Division of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Management. Farm designation is based upon transitional organic cultural written standards adopted yearly by the Chief of the Division of Agriculture as part of the R.I. Grown Agricultural Logo Program.

Section 2.00 False Representation:

2.00(A) Products of the farm offered for sale as graded, marked, labeled, packed or branded as conforming to the terms "Rhode Island Certified Organic", "Rhode Island Certified Transitional Organic", or "Rhode Island Certified Conservation Farm Product", must in fact so conform.

Section 3.00 Enforcement of Provisions:

3.00(A) The enforcement of these Rules Related to cultural practices for branding products of the farm shall be under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Department of Environmental Management.