

Summary of Amended Regulation
17 VAC 15-20 "Standards for the Microfilming of Public Records for Archival Retention"

1. **Basis:**
Statutory authority for the Library of Virginia to issue/revise this standard is under the Public Records Act Code 42.1-76 et.al., specifically §§ 42.1-80 and 42.1-82.
2. **Purpose:**
The recent changes for revision are minor and mostly technical in nature. This standard is required to ensure that public records transferred to microfilm are retained in that form for the life of the record; that the vital and historical records of the Commonwealth will be preserved; that the legal requirements for maintaining these records on film are met.
3. **Substance:**
The title has been shortened to read "Standards for Microfilming Public Records," in Part 3 section 17 VAC 15-20-30 the standards have been updated to the current versions, section 17 VAC 15-20-80 has been added to with a second paragraph from the Procedural Microfilm standard, as well as a splicing note to section 17 VAC 15-20-1607.4. This addition to 17 VAC 15-20 allows the repeal of the Procedural standard 17 VAC 15-30, since the remainder of the contents in 15-30 is similar to this one. Other minor corrections and changes have been made as noted.
4. **Issues:**
These regulations have been in effect since 1986 with periodic updates to the references and changes in text to reflect national standards. The changes have no economic impact on the regulations already in effect, and there are no disadvantages to the changes for the agency or the Commonwealth.
5. **Estimated Impact:**
There is no additional impact of this regulation on public agencies or the public due to the amendments. The number of persons affected by the regulation are those agencies wishing to retain public records on microfilm rather than in paper format.
6. **Identity of any locality particularly affected:**
No particular locality is affected more than any other by this regulation.