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MEMORANDUM

To: Steven W. Sturgis
President
Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Sandra J. Adams
Commissioner
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

From: James M. Flaherty
Assistant Attorney General

Date: October 3, 2014

Subject: Letter of Assurance - Periodic Review of 2VAC5-590

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 17 (2014), I have conducted a periodic review of the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services' regulations, in particular Chapter 590, 2VAC5-590-10 through 2VAC5-590-20: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Tolerance and Prohibitions Applicable to Ground Beef. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Board may promulgate these regulations pursuant to §§ 3.2-5101 and 3.2-5121 of the *Code of Virginia*. The regulations do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.