



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

2 VAC 5-501 – Regulations Governing the Cooling, Storing, Sampling and Transporting of Milk

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Board) proposes to update citations and make small wording changes for consistency.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The proposed update of citations will not change any requirements. The changes will make it easier for the public to find relevant Code of Virginia sections and other documents. Since there are no costs associated with these amendments, the change in language will produce a net benefit.

The proposed amendments in language for consistency will also not change any requirements. To the extent that the current language produces any confusion, the proposed language change will produce a small benefit by reducing such confusion.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services estimates that there are 750 dairy farms, 22 contract milk haulers, and 25 dairy processors in the Commonwealth, all of whom qualify as small businesses.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed additional language does not particularly affect specific localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed additional language will not affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed additional language will not significantly affect the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed additional language will not significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed additional language will not significantly affect small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed additional language will not significantly affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the

regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.