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**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF REGULATION OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY
APARTADO 10163
SAN JUAN, PR 00908-1163**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS NUMBER 5 AND 10
AND PROPOSAL FOR A NEW REGULATION OF ADJUDICATORY
PROCEDURES BEFORE THE OFFICE OF REGULATION OF THE DAIRY
INDUSTRY**

By virtue of the powers and faculties conferred on it by Law No. 34 of June 11, 1957, as amended, (5 L.P.R.A §1092, et seq.), known as the “Law to Regulate the Dairy Industry” and in compliance with Act No. 38 of June 11, 2017, as amended, known as the “Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico”, the Acting Administrator of the Office of Regulation of the Dairy Industry (O.R.I.L) is in the process of evaluating its regulations and convenes a Public Hearing and convenes a Hearing Public to present the Proposals for the amendment of Regulation Number 5 entitled “*Regulation Number 5 of the Office for the Regulation of the Dairy Industry to Establish the Norms that will govern the Quality of Milk in all its phases of production, preparation and sale and to repeal Regulation Number 3 approved on this same matter on September 1984, approved on October 29, 1991 and registered with the Department of State under Number 4565 on October 30, 1991*”, subsequently amended by the regulations registered with the Department of State with numbers 4789, 5161, 7362, 8152, 8225, 8889 and the proposed amendment to Regulation Number 10 of the Dairy Industry approved on August 10, 2005, registered under number 7018 in the Department of State of Puerto Rico, known as “*Regulation 10 of the Dairy Industry to Establish Formulas to Channel Surplus , Set Milk Prices At All Its Levels and Establish Production Expansion Standards and Repeal Regulation 351, As Amended On This Same Matter, approved on January 29, 1957*”, amended on November 12, 2015, registered with the number 8657 in the Department of State of Puerto Rico. The proposed amendments to Regulations Number 5 and Number 10 are made to update their provisions to the current circumstances of the dairy industry and to ensure that they effectively advance the Agency’s public policy. With the repeal of Law Number 170 of August 12, 1988 and to temper the adjudicative processes of the Agency to the new legislation, the ORIL proposes a new regulation that will be called “*Regulation of Adjudicatory Procedures before the Office of Regulation of the Dairy Industry and to repeal regulation Number 8153 approved on January 21, 2012*” so that the adjudication of disputes is according to Law Number 38 of June 30, 2017. (5 L.P.R.A §1103, 3 L.P.R.A §9611)

The Public Hearing will take place on May 17, 2023 starting at 10:00 in the morning and will be held at the Department of Agriculture located at 1311 Avenida Manuel Fernández Juncos, San Juan, San Juan 00909 where all citizens can participate.

This notice of Public Hearing, as well as the texts of the the proposed amendments to Regulations 5 and 10 and the new regulation of adjudicatory procedures, will be published on the website www.agricultura.pr.gov. Their official files will be available for inspection at the O.R.I.L located at the Indulac Building #198, Calle Chardón, San Juan, Puerto Rico during Office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We exhort the general public to submit their written comments within thirty (30) days counted from the date of publication of this notice to the following address: Office of Regulation of the Dairy Industry, Section 10163, San Juan Puerto Rico 00908-1163. You can also send them to the email address oril@agricultura.pr.gov or by personal delivery in O.R.I.L at the Indulac Building # 198, Chardón Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico during business hours from Monday to Friday from 8:00 am at 4:00 p.m. The same shall apply to any person who has an interest in requesting an oral hearing on the proposed action, which will be done in writing with the grounds that in the opinion of the applicant make it necessary to grant it. For additional information the people can call during office hours to (787) 756-5945.

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