

## **IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **02.06.25 – RULES GOVERNING DISEASES AND PESTS OF SOYBEANS – NEW RULE**

#### **DOCKET NO.**

#### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING**

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 22-2006, Idaho Code.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** A public meeting(s) on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

- July 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (MDT) – Idaho State Department of Agriculture, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712 Conference Rooms Lower 1&2.
- July 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (MDT) – Idaho State Department of Agriculture, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712 Conference Rooms Lower 1&2.

**METHOD OF PARTICIPATION:** Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following: Submit any written comments, questions, recommendations, or ideas by July 28, 2013, to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture addressed to Michael E. Cooper, Bureau Chief, Plant Industries Division, or attend the public meeting to be conducted on the above date during which the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will allow oral comments or presentations to be made.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

This rule will be developed to require all lots of soybean seed for planting in Idaho to be tested for bean diseases of concern and nematodes that do not occur in Idaho. Soybeans are known to carry a complex of bacterial blights and other diseases that could affect the long and well established bean seed (*Phaseolus sp.*) production industry in the state. We contemplate that laboratory testing and at least one inspection will occur during the growing season.

**CONTACT INFORMATION, WEB ADDRESS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, contact Michael E. Cooper, Bureau Chief, Plant Industries Division (208) 332-8620. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho State Department of Agriculture web site at the following web address: [http://www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/LawsRules/sub\\_rules/Rulemaking.php](http://www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/LawsRules/sub_rules/Rulemaking.php).

All written comments must be delivered on or before July 28, 2013.

DATED this 17th day of May, 2013.

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