IDAPA 02 – IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02.06.33 – ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS RULES

DOCKET NO. 02-0633-2401

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – ADOPTION OF PENDING RULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule has been adopted by the agency and is now pending review by the 2025 Idaho State Legislature and must be approved by concurrent resolution of the Legislature to go into effect, in accordance with Section 67-5224(2)(c), Idaho Code. Should the pending rule be approved, it will become final and effective on July 1 following the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, unless the concurrent resolution states a different effective date.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5224, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has adopted a pending rule. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 22-1103, Idaho Code.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a concise explanatory statement of the reasons for adopting the pending rule and a statement of any change between the text of the proposed rule and the text of the pending rule with an explanation of the reasons for the change:

The proposed rule updates the publication date for the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7, Part 205, National Organic Program Regulations. This regulation contains the specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for maintaining organic accreditation.

There are no changes to the pending rule, and it is being adopted as originally proposed. The complete text of the proposed rule was published in the October 2, 2024 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Vol. 24-10, pages 91-92.

FEE SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 67-5224(2)(d), Idaho Code, a pending fee rule shall not become final and effective unless affirmatively approved by concurrent resolution of the Legislature. The following is a description of the fee or charge imposed or increased in this rulemaking:

There is no change in fee or charge.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year:

There is no fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

IDAHO CODE SECTION 22-101A STATEMENT: Pursuant to 22-101A(1), for any rule promulgated or adopted by the director which is broader in scope or more stringent than federal law or regulations, or which regulates an activity not regulated by the federal government, the director shall identify the portions of the adopted rule that are broader in scope or more stringent than federal law or rules, or which regulate an activity not regulated by the federal government. The following sections of the rule are broader in scope, more stringent than federal law or regulated an activity not regulated by the federal government.

This rule allows the agency to implement the organic certification program specifically according to the National Organic Program Regulations. Incorporating these national regulations ensures that the state program is in compliance with the federal program, to the benefit of the voluntary certification customers served by the agency.

The detailed 22-101A analysis can be found on the agency's website at www.agri.idaho.gov.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this pending rule, contact Lloyd Knight at lloyd.knight@isda.idaho.gov.

DATED this 1st day of January, 2025.

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