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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 11-037

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 2008.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. The header “TEXT OF RULE” should be inserted before SECTION 1 of the rule.
- b. The term “entry class” is used throughout the rule and ch. ATPC 160, but it is not defined. There is a hint of a definition in s. ATPC 160.04 (1), but it is not easy to find, nor is it an official definition. While this is a common term among fair participants, it would be helpful to the reader to clarify what exactly is meant by “entry class”. In defining “entry class”, the department should be sure to clarify any relationship to the term “class”, which is defined in current s. ATPC 160.01 (1). It may also be helpful to define other terms used, such as “market class” and “breed class” or “breeding class”. Also, the terms “breeding class” and “breed class” are used synonymously throughout ch. ATPC 160. The department should consider picking one term and make changes throughout the chapter so that this term is used consistently.
- c. In SECTION 6, s. ATPC 160.80 (4) should be given a title, since the other subsections of s. ATPC 160.80 have them. [s. 1.05 (1) Manual.]
- d. SECTION 14 repeals and recreates s. ATPC 160.13 (intro.) and (2). In making these changes, the title “MARKET CLASSES” is given to s. ATPC 160.13 (2). For proper format and consistency with adjacent rule sections, the title to s. ATPC 160.13 (1) should be changed to “BREEDING CLASSES”.

e. In SECTION 17, s. ATCP 160.15 (1) is recreated with the title, “Breed Categories”. This term is not used elsewhere throughout the chapter. If this term is intended to be different than “Breed Classes” or “Breeding Classes”, it should be defined. Otherwise, “Breed Classes” or “Breeding Classes” should be used instead. Note that subsection titles are written entirely in capital letters. [s. 1.05 (2) (c), Manual.]

f. Section ATCP 160.19 (4) and (5) – listing pygmy goats and angora goats – are repealed in SECTION 20. Then, in SECTION 21, s. ATCP 160.19 (6) is renumbered sub. 4. and amended to read, “exotic domestic animals”. Does this amended term include pygmy goats and angora goats? The department should consider defining the term “exotic domestic animals” to clarify what types of animals the term includes.

g. Starting with SECTION 23, the rule references “regular judging systems” or “Danish judging systems”. It is unclear what these judging systems entail. The department should consider defining these terms.

h. In the treatment change to SECTION 26, “recreated” should not have a hyphen.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In SECTION 13 of the rule, s. ATCP 160.12 (2) (b) and (c) should end with periods.

b. In SECTION 14, s. ATCP 160.13 (2), states, “An exhibitor may not enter up to three swine....” It appears that the “not” should be deleted.

c. In SECTION 17, s. ATCP 160.15 (2) (b) 8. uses the title “Dam and daughter”. However, subd. 8. states that this entry consists of “one doe...and its dam”. The animals are listed out of order with the title and should be switched for consistency with the title, to avoid confusion. This change should be made throughout the rule.

d. In SECTION 36, the extra space before “4-H members enrolled in the designated 4-H...” should be deleted.