

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
Emergency Rule Relating to Hemp and Affecting Small Businesses**

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Department) announces that, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.24 (4), the Department will hold a public hearing and comment period on its emergency rule to repeal and recreate Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 22, relating to hemp and affecting small businesses.

The Department will hold the public hearing at the time shown below. The hearing will be held virtually via WebEx meeting, due to the precautions adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department invites the public to participate in the public hearing on the emergency rule and to provide oral testimony. To assist the Department in preparations for the WebEx meeting, the Department requests public hearing participants to send an email to Abbey.Graf@wisconsin.gov in advance of the hearing to signal their intention to participate. This advance notice of participation is not required but is requested to help the Department ensure adequate WebEx capacity so that all interested members of the public may participate. Depending on the level of participation, a time limit for individual public comment may be required to allow all interested parties to participate. Alternatively, written public comments may be sent to the Hemp Rule, Division of Agricultural Resource Management, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911 or by e-mail to Abbey.Graf@wisconsin.gov. Public comments whether oral, written or emailed, carry the same weight and will be considered. The comment period will remain open until the close of business on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Hearing Date and Location:

Thursday, July 23, 2020

1:00 PM

To attend the hearing go to www.webex.com, use meeting access number 126 395 1554 and password ARMHearing, or join by telephone at 1-408-418-9388, then meeting access number 126 395 1554#, followed by meeting ID 27643274#.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

This emergency rule continues the existing Pilot Program with no added fees or costs and therefore will not negatively impact small business as this rule does not make significant modifications to the regulation of the hemp industry. Comments or concerns relating to small business may also be addressed to DATCP's small business regulatory coordinator Bradford Steine at the address above, or by email to bradford.steine1@wisconsin.gov, or by telephone at (608) 224-5024.

You may obtain a copy of the emergency rule, fiscal estimate or regulatory flexibility analysis by contacting the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Office of the Secretary, 2811 Agriculture Drive, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, Wisconsin 53708. You may also obtain a copy by contacting Abbey Graf, at Abbey.Graf@wisconsin.gov or by calling (608) 640-7006. To view the emergency rule online, go to:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/register/2020/774B/register/emr/emr2016_rule_text/emr2016_rule_text.

Hearing-impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter by July 17, 2020, by writing, calling, or emailing Abbey Graf.

Dated this ____ day of July, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

By _____
Randy Romanski, Secretary-designee