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RE: Rules of the Arkansas State Plant Board changed pursuant to Act 893 of 2019

Dear Ms. Garrity:

The following rules of the Arkansas State Plant Board have been filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to Act 893 of 2019:

Pesticide Enforcement Response Rule – Outlines penalties and method for administratively handling pesticide enforcement cases.

Arkansas Rules of Pesticide Use – Outlines how pesticides are to be used and applied by farm producers and pesticide applicators.

Plant Diseases and Pests Rule – Provides for the eradication and control of plant diseases and pests.

Official Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas – Provides for testing, control and certification of seed to be planted for crops in Arkansas.

Civil Penalty Matrix for Plant Inspection and Quarantine – Outlines penalties and method for handling administrative plant inspection and quarantine cases.

Grain Dealers Rules – Provides for licensure, inspection and qualifications of grain dealers in Arkansas.

Soil Amendments Rules – Provides for registration, testing and inspection of substances intended to improve soil or crop production, except for fertilizer, which is covered under a separate rule.

Catfish Processors Rules – Provides for registration and inspection of persons engaged in the storing, handling, preparing, manufacturing, packaging, or holding of catfish products in Arkansas.

Aerial Pesticide Applicator Rules - Outlines how pesticides are to be used and applied by aerial pesticide applicators.

Pest Control Rules – Provides for licensing, testing, inspection and for the handling of administrative hearings for those engaged in the pest control business in Arkansas.

Grain Warehouse Rules – Provides for licensing, inspections, and qualification of those engaged in the business of storing grain for a consideration.

Agricultural Consultants Rules – Provides for licensing and continuing education of persons engaged in providing advice for eradication or control of insect pests, plant pathogen, weeds, or fertilizers.

Apiary Rules – Provides for registration, inspection, training, transportation, and disease eradication for those engaged in bee-keeping in Arkansas.

Official Standards for the Certification of Commercial Bait and Ornamental Fish in Arkansas – Provides eligibility requirements, fees, business practices, inspections, and diseases control for commercial bait and ornamental fish in Arkansas.

Fertilizer Rules – Provides for the registration, inspection, and testing of fertilizers used in Arkansas.

Ginseng Rules – Provides for licensure of any person who buys wild or artificially propagated ginseng for sale across state lines.

Pursuant to Act 893 of 2019, I affirmatively state that the only change to the aforementioned rules is a change from the use of the term “regulation” to the term “rule.”

Respectfully,


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