RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY
CHAPTER 2. FEES

(A) PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule amendments revise fee structures to reflect the increased cost of labor and supplies required to manage the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs. The continuing administration of the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs by the Department are necessary to secure federal funding for related animal disease programs.

(B) CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:

The proposed rules affect persons participating in the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs.

(C) PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:

Persons who rely on the Department's Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs will benefit from the proposed rules. Taxpayers will benefit from the rules as the cost of the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs will be borne by the person or entity requesting services or supplies rather than funds appropriated to the Department by the Legislature. Persons relying on livestock or livestock products free of disease will benefit from the continuing administration of the Poultry Health, Animal Disease Traceability, and related programs.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:

Persons participating in the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs will pay modestly increased fees.

(E) PROBABLE COST AND BENEFITS TO AGENCY; SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The increased fees will defray the actual cost of managing the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs currently borne by the Department.

(F) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:

The fee increases are modest and will not have a significant impact on persons participating in the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs.

(G) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:**

The fee increases are modest and will not have a significant impact on persons participating in the Poultry Health and Animal Disease Traceability programs.

(H) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

The Department is unaware of any non-regulatory methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rules.

(I) **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The proposed rules will not detrimentally affect the public health, safety, and environment.

(J) **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The Department is not aware of any detrimental effect the proposed rules will have on public health, safety, and environment.

(K) **DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:**

This rule impact statement was prepared on October 31, 2016.