RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 30. CONSUMER PROTECTION

(A) **PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule amendments establish a quarantine for moss balls (Aegagropila Linnaei); adds multiple counties to the regulated area for fire ants; updates reference to the current CFR revisions; establishes rules for borate or other wood applied termiticide treatments; adds a separate license to the Industrial Hemp Program for fiber growers; updates references for hemp allowable thresholds to reference OMMA; adds definitions for pet food; updates language for label format and labeling for pet food; updates language for brand and product names for pet food; replaces expression of guarantees for pet food with intended use statement and nutritional adequacy claims for pet food; updates the requirements for ingredients for pet food; updates language for additives and drugs for pet food; replaces language for nutritional adequacy with pet and specialty pet nutrition facts for pet food; updates requirements for feeding directions for pet food; updates requirements for calorie content for pet food; updates language for descriptive terms for pet food; updates language for manufacturer or distributor requirements for pet food; adds a rule for handling and storage instructions for pet food; adds a definition for beneficial substance and plant biostimulant to the soil amendment definitions; and adds language to require a statement identifying the purpose for soil amendment labels.

(B) <u>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:</u>

The proposed rule amendments affect consumers and persons regulated by the Department's combined pesticide, manufacturers of pet food, people who import moss balls, and Oklahoma Industrial Hemp programs. No cost impacts have been received.

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

Consumers and persons regulated by the Department's combined pesticide, Oklahoma Industrial Hemp programs, and citizens of Oklahoma will benefit from the proposed rule amendments.

(D) <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:</u>

The affected classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule amendments.

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

 No additional cost to the Department is anticipated by the proposed rule amendments.
- (F) <u>DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY</u> <u>ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE</u>

THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:

No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the proposed rule amendments.

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

The proposed rule amendments will have no adverse effect on small business.

(H) <u>DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS</u> 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 rule amendments.

(I) <u>DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:</u>

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

(J) <u>DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:</u>

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

(K) <u>DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:</u>

This rule impact statement was prepared on October 2, 2024. Revised on December 2, 2024.