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Ms. Abigail Hammond **Commission Counsel Rules Review Commission** Office of Administrative Hearings 6714 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-6714

Dear Abigail:

This letter is in regards to the readoption of a rule identified as "Necessary with Substantive Public Interest:" 02 NCAC 09G .2010 pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)(g). We would like to formally request an extension of the readoption date for the above mentioned rule. This rule is currently in the process of readoption, but upon further review, the Board of Agriculture would like to republish this rule for further comment before taking final action.

Rules in chapter 09 mainly deal with food safety, many of which are in accordance with federal law. For that reason, it is appropriate that ample time is spent making sure the rules are not only correctly classified, but also adequately stated in order to appropriately interact with federal authority that we have incorporated by reference in a way that is not confusing for the public.

We respectfully ask for an extension for 02 NCAC 09 .2010 with a new date of August 31, 2017, allowing us time to republish and adopt at a regularly scheduled Board of Agriculture meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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