

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO
STANDARDS FOR COFFEE

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to Chapter 91 and Sections 147-4 and 147-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, will hold public hearings as follows:

February 21, 2017	9:00 a.m.	March 3, 2017	9:00 a.m.
Quality Assurance Division Conference Rm.		Department of Agriculture Conference Rm.	
1851 Auiki Street		4398A Pua Loke Street	
Honolulu, HI 96819		Lihue, HI 96766	
February 22, 2017	9:00 a.m.	March 7, 2017	9:00 a.m.
Department of Agriculture Conference Rm.		West Hawaii Civic Center	
635 Mua Street		Community Meeting Hale Building G	
Kahului, HI 96732		74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy.	
		Kailua-Kona, HI 96740	
February 23, 2017	5:00 p.m.		
Pahala Park and Community Center			
96-1131 Kamani Street			
Pahala, HI 96777			

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony related to the proposed amendments to Title 4, Subtitle 7, Chapter 143, Hawaii Administrative Rules, entitled "Standards for Coffee". The proposed amendments are summarized below:

Extends the sunset date of twenty percent defect tolerance for Hawaii Prime, Hawaii Natural Prime, and Hawaii Mixed Natural Prime coffee from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

Extends the sunset date of the defect tolerance for coffee beans affected by not more than two pinholes caused by insect damage from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

Housekeeping changes.

The proposed rule amendments are available for review in person at the following Department of Agriculture office during business hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday from February 14, 2017 to February 28, 2017.

Honolulu	1851 Auiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96819	Phone - 832-0700
Hilo	75 Aupuni Street, Hilo, HI 96720	Phone - 974-6514
Kona	82-6130 Mamalahoa Hwy, Captain Cook, HI	Phone - 323-7590
Maui	635 Mua Street, Kahului, HI 96732	Phone - 873-3554
Kauai	4398A Pua Loke St., Lihue, HI 96766	Phone - 241-7133

Copies of the proposed amendments may also be obtained at the above offices by paying a fee charge for photocopying or sent by mail upon receipt of a fee charge for photocopying and postage. Copies may also be reviewed or downloaded at the Department of Agriculture website at <http://www.hawaii.gov/hoda/publicnotice.htm>.

All interested persons may attend the public hearings and submit comments orally or in writing. Written testimony may be submitted prior to the hearing via postal mail to the Quality Assurance Division c/o Department of Agriculture, 1428 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96814, or via fax at (808) 832-0683, or via email at HDOA.QAD@hawaii.gov. Please include the word “testimony” and the subject matter. If possible submit 5 written copies of the testimony prior to the hearing. Persons requiring special accommodations at the hearing may call the Department of Agriculture at (808) 832-0703 at least 5 working days prior to the hearing.