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MEMORANDUM

To: Steven W. Sturgis

President

Board for Agriculture and Consumer Services

Sandra J. Adams Commissioner

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

From: James M. Flaherty

Assistant Attorney General

Date: February 13, 2015

Subject: Letter of Assurances for Proposed Amendments to Regulations Governing Milk for

Manufacturing Purposes, 2 VAC 5-531 et seq.

I have reviewed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' proposed Amendments to Regulations Governing Milk for Manufacturing Purposes 2 VAC 5-531 *et seq.* that were posted to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on February 9, 2015. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Board may promulgate these regulations pursuant to § 3.2-5206 of the *Code of Virginia*. The regulations do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.