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MEMORANDUM

To: Barry Jones
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Date: August 29, 2016

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Amendment to Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Meat and Poultry Inspection Under the Virginia Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act, 2 VAC 5-210.

I have reviewed the proposed amendments from the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (“VDACS”) to the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Meat and Poultry Inspection Under the Virginia Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act, 2 VAC 5-210. In my view, as counsel to VDACS, the Commissioner may amend these regulations pursuant to Title 3.2 of the *Code of Virginia*. Amending these regulations does not appear, on its 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.