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Hon. Mark MacDonald, Chair Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules Vermont State House Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Amendments to Final Proposed Rule

Dear Chairperson MacDonald and Members:

After the close of the deadline for comment and submitting the final proposal to LCAR, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets received further comments from Mike O'Grady and Anthea Dexter-Cooper regarding the filing. Accordingly, the Agency is providing this memo to indicate an additional amendment to the final proposal as filed. The changes are provided below with language alterations underlined.

Section 1. Definitions

Section 1.49 has been amended to incorporate the statutory definition of "person". The section has been amended to read as follows:

<u>Person</u> means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, or organized group of persons whether incorporated or not, including:

- (a) an unincorporated organization, trust, or other legal or commercial entity, including a joint venture or affiliated ownership;
- (b) a municipality or state agency;
- (c) individuals and entities affiliated with each other for profit, consideration, or any other beneficial interest derived from agricultural management, including lessors and lessees; or
- (d) a farmer, rancher, vineyardist, apiarist, plant propagator, Christmas tree grower, aquaculturist, floriculturist, orchardist, forester, migrant farmworker or another comparable person.