

IN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)


EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #1

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 14, 2020, governor Tate Reeves declared a State of Emergency in Mississippi. The Center for Disease Control has stated that the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is expected to increase and is recommending "self-quarantines" for large parts of the country. Public health authorities are asking that persons stay at home in order to avoid exposure to those persons having the virus. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce ("Department") finds that action should be taken with regard to pending administrative proceedings before the Department which will involve person-to-person interaction.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all administrative proceedings that will involve an in person hearing or proceeding before the Department, including the Seed Arbitration Council, from this date down through and including April 12, are hereby continued, or postponed, pending further order of the Department. This order may be extended, supplemented or modified at a later date, as so determined by the Department.

SO ORDERED on this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
COMMISSIONER, MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND  
COMMERCE