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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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May 13, 2010

Honorable Jeffrey A. Beard, Ph.D., Secretary
Department of Corrections
2520 Lisburn Road
P. O. Box 598
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Re: Regulation #19-12 (IRRC #2830)
Department of Corrections
Inmate Correspondence

Dear Secretary Beard:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Arthur Coccodrilli

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Stewart J. Greenleaf, Majority Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Honorable Daylin Leach, Minority Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Honorable Thomas R. Caltagirone, Majority Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Honorable Ronald S. Marsico, Minority Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 13, 2010

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Regulation No. 19-12 (#2830)
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On April 7, 2010, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Corrections (Department). This rulemaking amends 37 Pa. Code § 93.2. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This regulation represents a codification of the Department's policy on what is defined as obscene materials. Delivery of these materials to inmates via incoming correspondence or publications is prohibited.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. § 310-1) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.



Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman