

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 27, 2014

John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman
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Regulation No. 2-174 (#2962)
Department of Agriculture
Food Code; Food Employee Certification

On August 1, 2012, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Agriculture (Department). This rulemaking amends 7 Pa. Code (Chapters 46 and 76). The proposed regulation was published in the August 11, 2012 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 14, 2014.

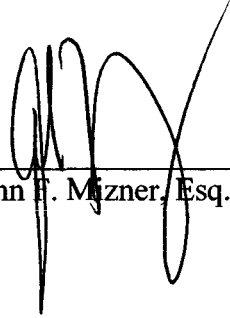
This final-form regulation implements changes necessitated by Act 106 of 2010, which overhauled the food-related statutes administered and enforced by the Department. The regulation amends Pennsylvania's Food Code to incorporate more fully the food safety standards of the U.S. Department of Health, Food and Drug Administration's Model Food Code as Pennsylvania's regulatory food safety standards.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (3 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 5707(a), 5733(a), and 6505, and 31 P.S. §§ 660c) 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.





John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman