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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Domestic Fowl) Regulations 2006

I, Bob Cameron, Minister for Agriculture and Minister responsible for administering the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** as follows:

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Domestic Fowl) Regulations 2006. The RIS was advertised to invite public comment. Eighty-three submissions were received and have been considered.

- I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with the following minor changes:
- amendment to Regulation 5 to include the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for poultry definitions for what may be included in the floor space allowances for both cage and non-cage systems; and
- deletion of Regulation 10 until the results of recent research on this stocking density recommendation is available; and
- references to "meat or meat bird egg production" in cages are deleted in Regulations 7, 8 and 9 as this type of production is not occurring in Victoria; and
- amendment of Regulation 13(a) to remove the words "that provides 1 air exchange per minute" to prevent risk of excessive ventilation under certain Victorian weather conditions.

Dated 20 October 2006

BOB CAMERON MP Minister for Agriculture

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