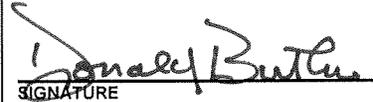


ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF PEST MANAGEMENT

SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

Reciprocity
R4-29-212

SP 13-05
POLICY NO.


SIGNATURE

Sept. 13, 2013
DATE

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona administrative procedure act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under section 41-1033, Arizona Revised Statutes, for a review of the statement.

1. BACKGROUND

Laws 2011, ch. 20, § 6 required the Director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture to appoint a nine member task force to study the regulation of structural pest management in Arizona, specifically as it related to the following four items: (1) a review of all laws and regulations governing structural pest management in this state, (2) a review of possible organizational configurations within ADA for structural pest management regulation, (3) a review of personnel and funding issues relating to the administration of structural pest management regulation within ADA and (4) statutory changes necessary to accomplish the future structural pest management program. The task force and its subcommittees met 18 times between August 2011 and October 2012. In November 2012, the task force's final recommendations for changing OPM's statutes and rules were submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House. These recommendations were adopted by the Legislature in substantial part and signed into law in 2013. See Laws 2013, ch. 125.

Rule R4-29-212 allows the Director to waive the examination requirements in whole or in part for an individual who is certified as an applicator pursuant to A.R.S. Title 3, Chapter 2 or by another state. The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to inform the general public of OPM's current approach to this rule. See A.R.S. § 41-1001(21).

2. POLICY

The Director will waive the core examination requirement for an applicator certified by the Arizona Department of Agriculture or by another state. Applicators from another state will be required to take OPM's category specific examinations.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective September 13, 2013 and shall continue in effect until repealed, modified, or superseded.