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ARTICLE I - LEGAL BASIS

This Regulation is enacted pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of July 29, 2010, known as the “Reorganization Plan of the department of Agriculture of 2010”, which creates the **Agricultural Enterprises Development Administration**. Furthermore, it is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 38 of 2017, as amended, known as the “Uniform Administrative Procedures Act of the Government of Puerto Rico”.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

In all economic stable and healthy system, the agriculture and livestock sector must achieve an optimum development. The revitalization, modernization and diversification of the Puerto Rican Agriculture constitutes a priority objective.

The principal objective of the Institutional Market Program is to improve the channels of distribution of the production of agriculture and livestock, for the purpose of being able to elevate the availability of first quality and fresh agricultural products of Puerto Rico.

The Program has other objectives which are to promote the consumption of fresh agricultural products cultivated in Puerto Rico and of products locally elaborated or processed, to offer the best service for the socioeconomic welfare of the farmer, to increase the agricultural development of the nucleus of production and of the independent farmers in Puerto Rico.

ARTICLE III - DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purposes and execution of this Regulation, every word used in the singular shall be interpreted as comprehensive in its plural form, or vice versa, when so justified by its use. The names used in the masculine will include the feminine, or vice versa, when the case so requires it.

For purposes of this Regulation, the following terms and phrases must be literally interpreted, according to its practical meaning:

1. **Administration or AEDA** - The Agricultural Enterprises Development Administration.
2. **Administrator** - The Administrator of the Agricultural Enterprises Development Administration.

3. **Hauler** - Every natural or juridical person dedicated to transporting products from one site to another for an agreed price in a refrigerated truck with a capacity of not less than 14 feet. They must comply with the requirements of the Public Service Commission and with the Manual of Standards of Independent Hauler (Private) of the Program.
4. **SFA** - School Food Authority of the Department of Education.
5. **SAFNS** - State Authority of Food and Nutrition Services of the Department of Education.
6. **Farmer** - Any natural or juridical person engaged in the production of agriculture and livestock which sells its crop to the Program Distribution Centers.
7. **AMS** - Agricultural Marketing Service.
8. **Quality** - Set of qualities that determine the condition of the agriculture and livestock products.
9. **Decommission** - Disposition of products not suitable for human and/or animal consumption pursuant to the procedure of Internal Standards for the Decommission and Donation of Agricultural Products.
10. **Department** - The Department of Agriculture of Puerto Rico.
11. **Donation** - Mechanism used by the Program to dispose of the products according to the procedure of Internal Standards for the Decommission and Donation of Agricultural Products.
12. **Elaboration** - The procedure, in any manner, that adds value and variety to fresh agricultural products.
13. **FDPMI** - Fund for the Development of the Pork Meat Industry.
14. **FDBMI** - Fund for the Development of the Beef Meat Industry.
15. **FIAD** - Office of the Funds of Innovation for Agricultural Development.
16. **Farm** - Parcel of land dedicated to the production of agriculture and livestock.
17. **Guide for the Defense of Food** - This is a guide that has measurements to reduce the possibility that the supply of food be intentionally contaminated through chemical substances, biological agents or other harmful substances applied by persons that wish to cause harm.
18. **GI** - Is the control number of the Governmental Institutions.

19. **Supplier** - Private entity that offers agricultural products that are available in the Local Market.
20. **Marketing** - The possession, storage, use, purchase and sale, assignment, donation, transportation, elaboration or any form of manipulation of any agricultural product.
21. **Reduction** - Loss of natural weight that should be registered through a monthly report.
22. **Nucleus of Farmers** - Group of farmers organized under Law 238 of 1996, Chapter 77, Legislation of the Agriculture and Livestock Industries, pursuant to the public of the Department of Agriculture with regard to its common interests in the agricultural production. It must have a Regulation and be legally authorized to function as a corporation, either for profit or non profit, or as a cooperative.
23. **Loss in Processing** - Portion of the product that is eliminated, for the purpose of making it more attractive for the market. It also includes the losses that occur in the management of the product.
24. **Person** - Any natural or juridical person, its agents, employees or representatives.
25. **Flexible Price** - The market prices of the fresh agricultural products produced in Puerto Rico, superior to the guarantee prices.
26. **Guarantee Price** - The minimum prices guaranteed by the Institutional Markets Program for agricultural products produced in Puerto Rico, established through the Administrative Order of the Administrator of the AEDA.
27. **Product** - Fruits, vegetables, farinaceous, meats, eggs. species produced in Puerto Rico and other agricultural products or elaborated products also produced in Puerto Rico.
28. **Elaborated Product** - Product with not less than 65% of the prime agricultural material locally produced (Puerto Rico).
29. **Program** - The Institutional Markets Program of the AEDA.
30. **Promotion** - Sample of the product to increase and/or promote its consumption.
31. **ASAIC** - Assistant Secretary of Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization of the Department of Agriculture.
32. **ASAI** - Assistant Secretary of Agrocommercial Integrity.
33. **Secretary** - The Secretary of Agriculture of Puerto Rico.
34. **Type** - Set of characteristic traits of the agriculture and livestock production.

35. **Waiver** - Mechanism of liberation of importation granted by the State or Federal Government.
36. **Variety** - Difference between agriculture and livestock products that have common characteristics.

ARTICLE IV - ELIGIBILITY

Eligible to benefit from the Program will be every farmer or Nucleus of Farmers who own or operate farms, in any legal concept, that grows and sells any of the products included in the activities of purchase and sale and price guarantee of the Institutional Markets Program and that complies with the standards of classification and quality established and with the terms and conditions of this Regulation.

ARTICLE V - PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRODUCTS AND MINIMUM GUARANTEED PRICES

The farmers, in coordination with the Institutional Markets Program and the Office of the IFAD will make decisions with regard to their planting plans.

This situation, in addition to the season for agricultural productions gives rise to their occurring periods in which the offer substantially exceeds the demand. In these situations the government has to act as a regulatory agent of the market until the farmers are able to plan their crops, in such a manner, that they eliminate or reduce to the minimum the fluctuations of the offer.

As to the inspection of products the same will be carried out through the Office of ASAI and the AMS. On the other hand, the releases of the importations of Products (**Waiver**), have to be requested by the Elaborating Plants through the Institutional Markets Program when there is a lack of existence of the product in Puerto Rico. Said request to the Program is directed to the different Offices according to the product (see the steps for the request of a waiver that is detailed hereinafter, which specifies each of the Offices that evaluate the same according to the product).

To comply with said purposes, it is established that:

1. The Administrator will establish minimum guaranteed prices for the products that are purchased through the Distribution Centers of the Institutional Markets Program that the Administration has established for said purpose.
2. The Administrator may add agricultural products that the same deems necessary pursuant to the needs of the Governmental and Private Institutions.
3. The agricultural products that are being purchased in the Program are:

A. FRESH MEATS, ELABORATED AND EGGS

PRODUCT	UNIT
Pork Meat	Pound
Beef Steak	Pound
Cube Beef Meat (Small Pieces of Beef)	Pound
Fresh Chicken Hips	Pound
Ground Beef Meat	Pound
Pork Chop	Pound
Corned Beef	Pound
Breaded Chicken	Pound
Beef Fajitas	Pound
Pork Fajitas	Pound
Pork Burger	Pound
Chicken Burger	Pound
Beef burger	Pound
Egg	Dozen
Pork Pieces	Pound
Chicken Nuggets	Pound
Fresh Chicken in Pieces	Pound
Chicken Sausages	Pouch (bag)
Chicken Sausages	Can
Fresh Chicken Strips	Pound
Wheat Tortilla 10' in diameter	12 pks of 10 Tortillas
Wheat Tortilla 8' in diameter	12 pks of 12 Tortillas

B. FRESH PRODUCTS, CONDIMENTS AND ORANGE JUICE

PRODUCT	VARIETY	UNIT
Garlic		Pound
White Sweet Potato		Pound
Pumpkin		Pound
Yellow Onion		Pound
Mandarin Orange		Unit
Peeled Orange		Box
Criollo Condiment		32 ounce jar
Cut Fresh Fruit		Pound
Ripe Banana		Pound
Green Banana		Pound
Orange Juice		Box
American Lettuce		Pound
Tropicana Lettuce (of the Country)		Mass of 10 ounces
Mezclum Lettuce		Mass of 1 pound
Romaine Lettuce		Mass of 14 ounces
<i>Malanga</i>		Packages
Watermelon		Pound
Cantaloupe Melon		Pound
Honey Dew Melon		Pound
Yam		Pound
Fresh Potato		Pound
Pickle		Pound
Green Pepper		Pound
Pineapple in Chunks		Pound
Ripe Plantain		Pound
Green Plantain		Pound
Cabbage		Pound
Tomato		Pound

Canned Cassava		Can
Casava Processed in PR		Pouch (bag)
Carrot		Pound

4. Any other product requested by the different Governmental and Private Institutions may be purchased.
5. In case there is no availability of the product in Puerto Rico, the Supplier will request a waiver. Every **Request for a Waiver** for products required by the Suppliers of Food of the Institutional Markets Program of the **Agricultural Enterprises Development Administration (AEDA)**.
 - a. The supplier will send a waiver request (form provided) to the Office of the Institutional Markets Program-AEDA in Dorado.
 - b. If the request for waiver is for **beef meat**, the Institutional Markets Program - AEDA will send the same to the Fund for the Development of the Beef Meat Industry (**FDBMI**) for the proper investigation, analysis and recommendation. Said determination will be sent to the Institutional Markets Program-AEDA where it will inform the supplier and send a copy to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Agrocommercial Integrity (**ASAI**) and to the School Food Authority (**SFI**).
 - c. If the request for waiver is for **pork meat**, the Institutional Markets Program-AEDA will send the same to the Fund for the Development of the Pork Meat Industry (**FDPMI**) for the proper investigation, analysis and recommendation. Said determination will be sent to the Institutional Markets Program-AEDA where it will inform the supplier and send a copy to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Agrocommercial Integrity (**ASAI**) and to the School Food Authority (**SFI**).
 - d. If the request for waiver is for **chicken meat and citrus**, the Institutional Markets Program-AEDA will send the same to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization (**ASAIC**) for the proper investigation, analysis and recommendation. Said determination will be sent to the Institutional Markets Program where it will inform the

supplier and send a copy to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Agrocommercial Integrity (ASAI) and to the School Food Authority (SFI).

- e. Every request for a waiver for products required by the Suppliers of food of the Institutional Markets Program-AEDA, whose **origin is from outside the United States and its territories**, will comply with the following steps:
 - i. The supplier will send a waiver request (form provided) to the Office of Institutional Markets Program in Dorado with **at least one month in advance of the planning of the product**.
 - ii. The Institutional Markets Program of AEDA will send said request to the State Authority of Food and Nutrition Services (SAFNS) with a copy to the School Food Authority (SFA) for the proper investigation, analysis and recommendation. Said determination will be sent to AEDA with a copy to the School Food Authority (SFA). The Institutional Markets Program of AEDA will send a copy to the supplier and to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Agrocommercial Integrity (ASAI).
6. The agricultural products and some elaborated will be received at the Distribution Centers of the Program base on standards of classification with regard to type, variety and quality already established.

ARTICLE VI - FLEXIBLE PRICES

For the purpose of stimulating a better distribution of the production during the entire year and complying with the commitments entered into with the Governmental and Private Institutions, the Program may purchase the products at the prices established by the same.

The Program will annually determine what products will be purchased, as well as the prices at which said products will be purchased, depending on the purchase orders issued by the Governmental and Private Institutions.

Furthermore, the Program, acting as a regulatory agency and for the purpose of establishing prices, may purchase products, through the authorization of the Administration of the AEDA or its authorized representative, when the market behaves erratically and there occur situations that warrant this.

The AEDA, through the Institutional Markets Program and acting as the provider to other Governmental and Private Institutions, may purchase and sell at the request of the same, fresh or elaborated food products that are not contemplated in this Regulation and that appear in the Catalogue of Institutional Sales of the Government. Normally the prices and Suppliers will be reviewed annually. To prepare this catalogue a letter will first be sent to the Suppliers to see if they are interested in selling their products to Governmental Institutions. The Supplier answers the same indicating the product to be sold, the packaging of the same and the price of the Supplier. The Program adds to the price submitted by the Supplier an Administration cost. Said Catalogue is sent to all of the Governmental Agencies and they decide the products that they are interested in buying from the Program.

To that effect, the Institutional Markets Program will use the same purchasing procedures that it uses for the acquisition of agricultural products.

ARTICLE VII - DISPOSITION OF THE PRODUCTS PURCHASED AND PRICE OF SALE

The products purchased by the Program may be fresh or elaborated and packaged for distribution and sale. The Administration may make sales to different Governmental and Private Institutions. In addition to the usual channels of the local market, the products purchased may be disposed of in any other manner that the Administrator of AEDA deems convenient. Products may be purchased under Contract, by the catalogue of Institutional Sales or in the Open Market. At the Program we will be receiving telephone calls or written proposals regarding the availability of the product, the amount of the same and the season when the Farmer will have them available. Said information will be registered in the Statistics Area where the Open Market Purchase for the Distribution Centers is carried out. Due to the purchasing dynamic in the Open Market orders cannot be made to purchase weekly and the orders received from the Governmental Agency to order the same are used. The purchases under Contract will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the same, which may go to auction or not in accordance with the dynamic of purchase of the product. Lastly, the Catalogue purchases will be in accordance with the process previously explained. See the General Regulation of Purchase and Bids of the Department of Agriculture, Article 53R.

For the sale contracts can also be made with the Governmental Agencies without having an Auction, selling the products acquired through an Open Market or through the Institutional Sales Catalogue. See Law 14 of January 8, 2008.

The sales prices will be determined using as a basis the prices of offer and demand prevailing in the Market (using from the minimum to the maximum prices per product); it being provided that there it will be allowed to add to said purchase price a reasonable margin to cover the costs of classification, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, promotion, etc., at the discretion of the Director of the Program.

The collections, for the concept of the sale and purchase of the agricultural products in the Distribution Centers of the Program, will be sought through the Financial Affairs of AEDA.

The Program may dispose of perishable agricultural products through **donation** to charitable entities, health centers, hospitals, asylums of other governmental dependencies and non-profit entities that are duly recognized and that request this. As established in the *Internal Standards for the Decommission and Donation of Agricultural Products*.

To proceed to make **decommissions**, the Program will exhaust the methods to dispose of the product according to the *Internal Standards for the Decommission and Donation of Agricultural Products*. AEDA may purchase and sell through the Institutional Markets Program and acting as a provider to other Governmental Institutions and at the request of the same, fresh or elaborated food products that are not contemplated in this Regulation. To that effect the Institutional Markets Program will use the purchasing procedures that are used for the acquisition of agricultural products.

ARTICLE VIII - PROCESSING REDUCTIONS AND LOSS

The perishable products purchased by the Program suffer losses due to natural conditions in the process of packaging and management of the same. The Distribution Centers of the Program will monthly submit a detailed report of the reduction and loss in the processing of the agricultural products managed and/or processed in their local.

ARTICLE IX - PROCEDURE

1. The participating farmers or Nucleus of Farmers will deliver their products in the form, dates, hours and places established by the Institutional Markets Program.

2. The Administrator will announce, with 30 days in advance, the products that may be subject to the Institutional Markets Program, the standards of classification of the same and the minimum prices guaranteed according to the market. This information will be disclosed through the Marketing Distribution Centers of the AEDA.
3. The Agricultural and Livestock Service Manager, Head of Operations, Supervisor of the Center or the authorized representative of the Program, will receive and inspect the products delivered. The farmer will give a bill in original and one copy. The bill of sale of the farmer must clearly indicate the name and address of the farmer or the Nucleus of Farmers, the bill number, the date of the transaction, the amount sold (in pounds, thousands, hundredweights, etc.), the price agreed per unit, the total amount of the purchase and must be duly signed by the farmer or its authorized representative. It must also contain a certification regarding the absence of interest by the officials and employees of AEDA, of the profits or benefits product from the contract object of this bill and that the information contained in the same is true and correct in all its parts. The Agricultural and Livestock Service Manager, Head of Operations, Supervisor of the Center or authorized representative of the Program will deliver to the farmer a copy of the Certification for the process of payment.
4. The Payment Certifications will be processed through the Office of Financial Affairs through the Central Office of the Institutional Markets Program (for preliminary verification of the same.)
5. Once it arrives at the Central Office of the Institutional Markets Program, it is pre-intervened so that it will comply with the requirements as established in the Regulation of the Program. This procedure is only for the items of fruits, vegetable and farinaceous products of the Independent Farmers.
6. Another procedure exists for the Suppliers that go to Auction. In this case, the bill is verified with the Certification and at the Central Office of the Institutional Markets Program, the Purchase Order of each Supplier is added. Later it is sent to the Financial Affairs Office for payment to the Farmer.
7. In the region of Fresh and Elaborated Meats another procedure is carried out. The Bills of the Supplier arrived to the Central Office of the Institutional Markets Program. Each

Supplier is in charge of reconciling and bringing the Certification together with the Bill. At the Central Office they are assigned an IG. Later said bill is registered the Oracle System. These arrive electronically to the Financial Affairs Office.

8. The elaborated products have another procedure. The Bills arrive at the Central Office of Institutional Markets. At the Office a Payment Certification is made and there is added to the same, the Purchase Order, to be processed at the Financial Affairs Office.
9. In other Institutions, the Supplier submits the Bill of Lading or Invoice to the Central Office of the Institutional Markets Program. At the Office an Invoice is prepared for the Institution which is sent to the Financial Affairs Office for the signature and collection of the same. In turn the Financial Affairs Office returns a copy of said invoice to the Institutional Markets Program so that it will generate the Certification of Payment to the Supplier. Finally, the Certification is sent to the Financial Affairs Office for the corresponding payment to the Supplier.
10. As to the collection process by the AEDA to the Institutions, it is carried out pursuant to the procedure of each Governmental and Private Agency. In some cases, it is conciliated, it is certified by both Agencies, sent to Accounts Payable of the Financial Affairs Office for the preparation of the Collection Invoice to the Agencies. Then they wait for the payment that is addressed to the accounts of the Program. Other Agencies send the bills and invoices, a certification is made in the Program and it is sent to Accounts Payable of the Financial Affairs Office, where they bill the pertinent Agency.
11. After being sent to the Financial Affairs Office they same will be processed according to the procedure established for payment by said Office.
12. The Marketing Distribution Center will not accept, for the payment of bills of purchase that they not be filled out in all its parts, that they not be in harmony with the prices established according to the corresponding week.
13. The price of sale will be evaluated by the personnel of the Institutional Markets Program, in harmony with the prevailing prices in the market, before officially establishing and posting the same.

ARTICLE X - FILING AND APPROVAL OF REQUESTS

The Institutional Markets Program will receive, through any methods (telephone calls, e-mail or analogous), the information from the Farmers or Nucleus of Farmers interested in selling the products to the Program (their production of fruits, vegetables, farinaceous, date of harvest and estimated production). Said information will be registered at the Office of the Institutional Markets Program to be used at the time of purchase to supply to the Institutions. The Program will establish the delivery date of the product according to the purchase orders received by the Institutions. In the Program they will be notified at which Marketing Distribution Center they will make the delivery. The payment of the same will be in accordance with the prices established by the Program and under the payment procedures already established by the Financial Affairs Office. These will comply with the standards of classification, freshness and quality implanted at each Marketing Distribution Center

ARTICLE XI - IDENTITY OF THE PRODUCT

The agricultural products markets through the Marketing Distribution Centers will be packed in cardboard boxes under the name of AEDA. The boxes will be acquired through the process of a formal bid through the General Regulation of Purchases and Bids of the Department of Agriculture and its Institutional Units. The cardboard boxes are for the exclusive use of the Institutional Markets Program and will not be used for the sale. These were designed as established by the Food Defense Guide. For the management of the same, a **Perpetual Inventory** will be carried out weekly and monthly.

The Program will use its own resources for the distribution of its products to the local market and Private Haulers under contract for the transportation of the same.

ARTICLE XII - PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING

When so deemed convenient, the Administrator of the AEDA and based on strategic marketing plans, the products marketed by the Program will receive the proper promotion and advertising to increase its consumption, in the local market as well as in the exterior. To that effect, the Program will plan and implement the different strategies of promotion, advertising and orientation to the Consumer to promote the consistent increase of the demand for the local product.

ARTICLE XIII - PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION

The Program will conduct marketing and feasibility studies and will conduct the necessary planning to coordinate the production with the marketing, establish the strategies of entrance of the local and foreign markets, and promote the development of the agricultural market.

ARTICLE XIV - AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK CENTERS

The additional function is to offer the service of weighing of animals **free of cost** in the Centers of San German, San Sebastián, Naranjito, Cayey and Río Grande. Additional to serving as Distribution Centers for the purchase and sale of agricultural and livestock products between the Farmers and the Nucleus of Farmers.

The Agricultural and Livestock Center of San Sebastián is the only Center that has a Regulation for the Use and Operation of the Facilities of the Agricultural and Livestock Center.

The form of operating the Agricultural and Livestock Centers will be governed by standards that will regulate their use and function.

ARTICLE XV - ADJUDICATIVE PROCEDURE

The applicant or participate affected by the determination and/or adjudication of the Administration, ay file a complaint, request or petition at the Central Offices of the Administration. Once the complaint, request or petition is filed, the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act will be followed.

ARTICLE XVI - RECONSIDERATION AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

The party adversely affected by a resolution or partial or final order may, within the term of twenty (20) days from the date of the filing in the record of the notification of the resolution or order, file in writing a motion for reconsideration of the resolution or order.

The Administration, within fifteen (15) days of having said motion been filed, must consider it. If it is rejected outright or does not act within the fifteen (15) days, the term to request a review will commence to count again as of the notification of said denial or as of the expiration of those fifteen (15) days, whichever the case.

If any determination is made in its consideration, the term to request a review will commence to count as of the date in which there is filed in the record a copy of the notification of the resolution of the Administration, definitively resolving the motion, which resolution must be issued and filed in the record within ninety (90) days following the filing of the motion. If the

Administration fails to take any action with regard to the motion for reconsideration within the ninety (90) days of having a motion accepted for resolution been filed, it will lose jurisdiction over the same and the term to request a judicial review will commence to count as of the expiration of said ninety (90) day term, unless the Circuit Court of Appeals, for just cause, authorizes in the Agenda an extension to resolve, for a reasonable amount of time. The motion for reconsideration will be jurisdictional to be able to request the judicial review.

A party adversely affected by a final order or resolution of the Administration and who has exhausted all of the remedies provided by the Administration, may file a request for review before the Circuit Court of Appeals with competence within a term of thirty (30) days counted as of the date of the filing in the record of the copy of the notification or the order or resolution of the Administration. The party will notify the filing of the request for review to the Administration and to all of the parties within the term to request said review. The notification may be made by mail.

The Circuit Court of Appeals may grant the remedy requested or any other remedy it deems appropriate, including extraordinary remedies, even if not requested, and may grant reasonable attorneys fees, costs and expenses to any party that has prevailed in the judicial review.

Any party adversely affected by the resolution of the Circuit Court of Appeals may request the review of the same through the filing of a request for *Certiorari* before the Supreme Court pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations.

ARTICLE XVII - LACK OF COMPLIANCE AND PENALTY

The Administration may refuse to grant the benefits established in this Program to any Farmer or Nucleus of Farmers that have failed to comply with the provisions assumed in a previous Program. Should this case occur, said Farmer or Nucleus of Farmers will be obligated to reimburse the amount of the benefits that it has received.

ARTICLE XVIII - AMENDMENTS

The Secretary of Agriculture may amend any part or all of this Regulation at any time and after its approval.

ARTICLE XIX - SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any portion or disposition of this Regulation is declared null or invalid pursuant to law by a Court of Justice with jurisdiction over the Department and its Agency assigned AEDA and

competence over the matter, the judgment issued to that effect will not affect, limit or invalidate the other provisions of the same.

ARTICLE XX - DEROGATION

Regulation 6716 Regulation to Govern the Program of Purchase and Sale of Agricultural Products (Marketing Program) of the Agricultural Enterprises Development Administration approved on November 4, 2003 and its amendments, is amended.

ARTICLE XXI - EFFECTIVE TERM

This Regulation will enter into effect thirty (30) days after the filing in the Office of the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico and at the Legislative Library, of one (1) original and two (2) copies of the same, in Spanish and English, as required by Law No. 38 of 2017, as amended, known as the “*Uniform Administrative Procedures Act of the Government of Puerto Rico*”.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today _____.

AGR. CARLOS A. FLORES ORTEGA
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE