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Dear Interested Parties,

The Office of the State Veterinarian had hoped to host informal workshops on the draft cheese regulation this month to allow for face to face dialogue with stakeholders. Unfortunately, the State Department of Law has informed us that procedural laws for such activities prohibit them from occurring without formal oral public hearings. The small number of cheese producers and potential cheese producers in the state, as well as budgetary constraints will not allow us to hold formal oral public hearings on this regulation.

Stakeholders are encouraged to call our office with any questions they may have about the regulation, including clarification of language, purpose, or intent. Such discussion may help you with any written comments you may wish to submit during the comment period. Documents that are referenced within the draft regulation are available on the internet or at our Anchorage office and can be made available at our Wasilla office upon request.

We apologize for the fact that we cannot have workshops but still want to ensure that stakeholders fully understand the draft regulation before formally commenting on it.

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