

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 30. ~~PLANT INDUSTRY~~CONSUMER PROTECTION

(A) PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rules update the criteria for wood infestation reports to be in compliance with the provisions of Senate Bill 710 from the 2007 Legislative session. The bill removes "organism" and "wood rot" from the Department's regulatory program for wood infestation reports.

(B) CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:

These rules affect persons who perform wood infestation inspections for home buyers and home buyers who request wood infestation reports. No cost impacts have been received to date.

(C) PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:

Persons who conduct wood infestation inspections will benefit from the proposed rule.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:

Home buyers will benefit from the proposed rules because the wood infestation reports will be more consistent. Persons who conduct wood infestation inspections will benefit because identification of wood infestation issues is easier.

(E) PROBABLE COST AND BENEFITS TO AGENCY; SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

No additional cost to the agency is anticipated by the rules.

(F) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:

No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the amendments to these rules.

(G) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:

The proposed rules have no adverse effect on small business.

(H) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES:

The agency is unaware of any non-regulatory methods to achieve the purpose of these proposed rule changes.

(I) DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:

The proposed rules affect the public health, safety, and environment because they are related to home inspections. The effect is that more consistency will occur in the wood infestation reports.

(J) DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:

The agency is not aware of any detrimental effect the proposed rules will have on public health, safety, and environment.

(K) DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:

February 15, 2007