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**REGULATION NO. 813 TESTING HORSES AND PULLING TEAMS FOR DRUGS**  
**Rule Set 2016-010 AC**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016**  
**Geagley Laboratory**  
**1615 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823**  
**Gordon Guyer Conference Room, First Floor, 9:00 AM**

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the Geagley Laboratory, 1615 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, Michigan in Gordon Guyer Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held to receive public comments on proposed changes to Regulation No. 813 Testing Horses and Pulling Teams for Drugs.

The proposed rule set (2016-010 AC) will amend the current rules to address the need to ensure fairness through prohibiting use of drugs and testing of horses at pulling events, whether the purse pool is from state funding or not. The current language limits state drug testing oversight to only those horse pulling events partially funded through funds within the Department's budget.

These rules are promulgated by authority conferred on the director of the department of agriculture by section 20 of 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.320, and transferred to the Michigan department of agriculture and rural development by Executive Order 2011-2. These rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The rules (2016-010 AC) are published on the Office of Regulatory Reinvention's website at [www.michigan.gov/orr](http://www.michigan.gov/orr) and in the October 15, 2016 issue of the *Michigan Register*. Comments may be submitted via US mail or via email to the address below by 5:00 P.M. on October 19, 2016. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

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The hearing site is accessible, including handicap parking. People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations in order to participate in the hearing (such as information in alternative formats) should contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development at 517-284-5730 at least 14 days prior to the hearing date. Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products, in order to enhance accessibility for everyone. Information at this meeting will be presented by speakers and printed handouts.