

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
PETITION FOR REGULATORY ACTION: SYNTHETIC FOOD DYE (P-22-001)**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When and where is the hearing?

A: *The hearing will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11 and will be conducted exclusively through Microsoft Teams (there will be no physical location to meet and participate). Please use this link to login on the morning of the hearing: <https://bit.ly/P-22-001Hearing>.*

Q: If I want to speak, what do I need to do? How long will I be allowed to speak?

A: *Speakers will be limited to 3 to 5 minutes to provide oral testimony. Time will be adjusted dependent upon the number of speakers. Speakers can submit their full comments as well as any exhibits or supporting documents to FDBcomments@cdph.ca.gov.*

Q: Will my testimony be transcribed for future reference and consideration by the Department?

A: *This virtual hearing will be recorded so that the Department can refer back to testimony as needed.*

Q: Will witnesses providing testimony be sworn in?

A: *Witnesses presenting testimony at this hearing will not be sworn in. There will not be a cross-examination of witnesses, or otherwise debate or discuss the issues, which may be presented at the hearing. However, Department staff may ask clarifying questions to better understand a witness's testimony.*

Q: What if I want to submit comments but do not want to provide testimony?

A: *The Department will consider all statements whether written or oral. Interested parties may submit their comments, along with any exhibits or supporting documents, in advance of the public hearing to FDBcomments@cdph.ca.gov. The Department will continue to accept written comments to this email address until May 12, 2023.*

Q: Will the Department of Public Health make a decision regarding the petition for regulatory action at the hearing?

A: *No. The Department may ask clarifying questions from the witnesses but no more than this at this stage of considering the petition.*

Q: When will the Department of Public Health decide whether it will initiate a rulemaking or not?

A: *The Department will review all materials providing through May 12, 2023 before deciding on an action. All parties who have expressed an interest in this hearing will be notified of the decision. The Department will also announce its decision online on the Department's Office of Regulations website (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OLS/Pages/Office-of-Regulations.aspx>).*