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PROPOSALS

None.

ADOPTIONS

AGENCY: 01-015 Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, Maine Milk Commission

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 3, Schedule of Minimum Prices (Order#03-25)

ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-039

CONCISE SUMMARY:

Minimum **March 2025** Class I price is **\$24.27/cwt.** plus **\$1.63/cwt.** for Producer Margins, an over-order premium of **\$1.04/cwt** as being prevailing in Southern New England and **\$0.47/cwt.** handling fee for a total of **\$27.61/cwt.** that includes a **\$0.20/cwt** Federal promotion fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sunday, March 2, 2025

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AGENCY: 01-001 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 3, Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program

ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-041

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine TEFAP program has long played a critical role in supporting families and individuals who face food insecurity. TEFAP is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of people with low income by providing them with emergency food assistance at no

cost. USDA coordinates the purchasing of a variety of nutritious, high-quality USDA Foods, and makes those foods available to eligible recipient agencies.

This technical update to Chapter 3 TEFAP is happening for two reasons. Firstly, it includes updating and replacing language to reflect the federal language and updating procedures better. For example, the term commodities are now replaced with USDA Foods. It also changes the program's name from Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program to The Emergency Food Assistance Program as per the 1990 Farm Bill. Additionally, readability and clarity are enhanced. This rule had not been updated since the 1980s.

Secondly, Section 4 was added to address The Emergency Assistance Program Fund which was created by ME LD 1046 An Act to Create an Income Tax Return Checkoff for Hunger Prevention enacted July 2021. Section 4 includes grant purpose, grant process, grant amount, application process, administration and scoring, and appeals. The network of 250 TEFAP-eligible recipient agencies who have an agreement on file with Maine TEFAP are eligible to apply for these funds.

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AGENCY: 16-642 Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshals, Bureau of Building Codes and Standards
CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 1, Administrative Procedures
ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-042

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board propose the adoption of seven chapters that comprise the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (Hereinafter referred to as the MUBEC) and its administrative procedures. Chapter one sets forth procedures for each individual municipality to recognize and where applicable, enforce the MUBEC. This chapter also provides five options for building inspections, including the use of third-party inspectors

EFFECTIVE DATE: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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AGENCY: 16-642 Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshals, Bureau of Building Codes and Standards
CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 2, Third-Party Inspectors
ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-043

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board propose the adoption of seven chapters that comprise the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (Hereinafter referred to as the MUBEC) and its administrative procedures. Chapter two sets forth the methods by which municipalities and MUBEC certified Code Officials may utilize a Third-Party Inspector (TPI) as an option for the enforcement of the MUBEC, the role of a TPI and the work product requirements for the TPI.

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 3, Commercial Building Code of Maine

ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-044

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board propose the adoption of seven chapters that comprise the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (Hereinafter referred to as the MUBEC) and its administrative procedures. Chapter 3 sets forth the standards for the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such building or structure, with the exception of detached one and two-family dwellings and townhouses.

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 4, Existing Building Code

ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-045

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board propose the adoption of seven chapters that comprise the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (Hereinafter referred to

as the MUBEC) and its administrative procedures. Chapter 4 sets forth the standards for the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition and relocation of all existing buildings.

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AGENCY: 16-642 Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshals, Bureau of Building Codes and Standards

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 5, Residential Building Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings in Maine

ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-046

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board propose the adoption of seven chapters that comprise the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (Hereinafter referred to as the MUBEC) and its administrative procedures. Chapter 5 sets forth the standards for residential construction for one and two-family dwellings that are part of the MUBEC and applies to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures.

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 6, Energy Code

ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-047

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board propose the adoption of seven chapters that comprise the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (Hereinafter referred to as the MUBEC) and its administrative procedures. Chapter 6 sets forth the regulation of the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and is applicable to both residential and commercial buildings.

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 7, Mechanical Code

ADOPTION TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-048

CONCISE SUMMARY:

The Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board propose the adoption of seven chapters that comprise the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (Hereinafter referred to as the MUBEC) and its administrative procedures. Chapter 7 sets forth the standards for the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such building or structure, with the exception of detached one and two-family dwellings and townhouses as it pertains to mechanical systems.

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