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Dear Sir, please see the comments and changes desired to the Compostable Materials, Transfer/Processing Rulemaking on April 21, 2015 below.

§ 17855.2. Prohibitions. The following activities are prohibited at all compostable materials handling operations and facilities and at all sites where compostable materials handling activities that are excluded from regulation under this Chapter occur:

-(a) The composting of unprocessed mammalian tissue, including but not limited to, flesh, organs, hide, blood, bone and marrow is prohibited, except when received, unless regulated by the California Department of Food and Agriculture:

(1) from the a food service industry facility as defined in Health and Safety Code section 113789, grocery stores, or residential food scrap collection,; or (2) as part of a research composting operation for the purpose of obtaining data on pathogen reduction or other public health, animal health, safety, or environmental concern, in accordance with section 17862.; or (3) from a source approved by the Department in consultation with the State

In the definitions below, remove “grocery stores”.

§ 17896.2. Definitions.

(12) “Food Material” means a waste material of plant or animal origin that results from the preparation or processing of food for animal or human consumption and that is separated from the municipal solid waste stream. Food material includes, but is not limited to, food waste from food facilities as defined in Health and Safety Code section 113789 (such as restaurants), food processing establishments as defined in Health and Safety Code section 111955, grocery stores, institutional cafeterias (such



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as prisons, schools and hospitals), and residential food scrap collection. Food material does not include any material that is required to be handled only pursuant to the California Food and Agricultural Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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