

**TITLE 2 – DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
Division 110 – Office of the Director
Chapter 4 – Registration of
Foreign-Owned Agricultural Land**

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

2 CSR 110-4.020 Interest Defined. The director is amending section (1).

PURPOSE: This emergency amendment establishes new foreign owned agricultural land requirements required by the implementation of Executive Order 24-01.

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment is necessary to serve the compelling government interest of ensuring the safety of all Missourians from foreign adversaries. The Director of the Department of Agriculture is mandated to approve foreign acquisitions of agricultural land in this state and Executive Order 24-01 further mandates that those potential owners who are citizens, residents, or incorporated under the laws of foreign adversary shall be denied the acquisition of agricultural land in this state if the land is within ten miles of certain military facilities. This emergency amendment is necessary to protect the state's security interests, especially at military installations. This emergency amendment protects the public health, safety, and welfare under a compelling governmental interest, which requires this emergency action. A proposed amendment, which covers the same material, is published in this issue of the **Missouri Register**. The scope of this amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protection extended in the **Missouri** and **United States Constitutions**. The Department of Agriculture believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interest persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed January 9, 2024, becomes effective January 24, 2024, and expires July 21, 2024.*

(1) Interest, as used in 2 CSR 110-4.010(1) and (2), shall be defined as all interests acquired, transferred, or held in agricultural lands by a foreign person, *[as that term is defined in section 442.591, RSMo,]* except –

*AUTHORITY: section 442.592, RSMo 2016. This rule originally filed as 2 CSR 20-3.020. Original rule filed Jan. 12, 1982, effective May 15, 1982. Moved to 2 CSR 110-4.020 and amended: Filed May 21, 2018, effective Dec. 30, 2018. Executive Order 24-01, effective Jan. 02, 2024. Emergency amendment filed Jan. 9, 2024, effective Jan. 24, 2024, expires July 21, 204. An emergency and proposed amendment covering this same material will be published in the Feb. 15, 2024, issue of the **Missouri Register**.*

PUBLIC COST: This emergency amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.