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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-007N]

Exemption for Retail Store Operations

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of adjusted dollar limitations.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing automatic increases in the dollar limitations on sales of meat and meat food products and poultry products to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions that do not disqualify a store for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. By action of FSIS' regulations, for calendar year 2001, the dollar limitations for meat and meat food products has increased from \$42,500 to \$44,900 and for poultry products from \$39,000 to \$39,800. These increases are based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective August 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information contact Daniel Engeljohn, Ph.D., Director, Regulations and Directives Development Staff, Office of Policy, Program Development, and Evaluation, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 112, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 720-5627, fax (202) 690-0486.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*) provide that the statutory provisions requiring inspection of the slaughter of livestock or poultry and the preparation or processing of products

thereof do not apply to operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants, when conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in normal retail quantities or service to consumers at such establishments (21 U.S.C. 454(c)(2) and 661 (c)(2)). In §§ 303.1(d) and 381.10(d), respectively (9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d)), FSIS regulations address the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations.

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions disqualify a store for exemption if they exceed either of two maximum limits: 25 percent of the dollar value of total product sales or the calendar year dollar limitation set by the Administrator. The dollar limitation is adjusted automatically during the first quarter of the year if the CPI, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicates an increase or decrease of more than \$500 in the price of the same volume of product for the previous year. FSIS publishes a notice of the adjusted dollar limitations in the **Federal Register**. (See paragraphs (d)(2)(iii)(b) and (d)(2)(vi) of §§ 303.1 and 381.10.)

The CPI for 2000 reveals an average annual price increase for meat and meat food products of 5.6 percent and for poultry products of 2.0 percent. When rounded off to the nearest \$100.00, the price increase for meat and meat food products is \$2,400.00 and for poultry products is \$800.00. Because the price of meat and meat food products and the price of poultry products have increased by more than \$500, in accordance with §§ 300.1 (d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10 (d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations, FSIS has increased the dollar limitations on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions from \$42,500 to \$44,900 for meat and meat food products and from \$39,000 to \$39,800 for poultry products for calendar year 2001.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this final rule, FSIS will announce and provide copies of this **Federal Register** notice in the *FSIS Constituent*

Update. FSIS provides a weekly *FSIS Constituent Update* via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience than would be otherwise possible.

For more information or to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC, on: August 7, 2001.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on August 29 and 30, 2001, at the Pt. Reyes National Seashore in Pt. Reyes, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 29 and 30, 2001. A field tour of watershed restoration and wildlife habitat improvement projects will be held on August 30 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. The business meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 29 and from 1 to 3 p.m. on August 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pt. Reyes National Seashore

Association Conference Room, Pt. Reyes National Seashore Headquarters, Bear Valley Road, Pt. Reyes, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (530) 934-3316; EMAIL pybrown@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Province watershed summaries/fish map update and next steps; (2) Report from the On the Ground Subcommittee on the issue of Province fire and fuels management; (3) Report from the Provincial Interagency Executive Committee subgroup on coordinating the National Fire Plan; (4) Regional Ecosystem Office update; (5) Coordination with State watershed planning activities; (6) Presentation on research findings concerning thinning in Late Successional Reserves; (7) Post Megram Fire projects and Survey and Manage Standards and Guidelines requirements; (8) Agency updates; (9) Recognition of Committee service to a member; and (10) Public Comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Blaine P. Baker,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Revise and Extend a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request a revision to and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Wildlife Damage Control Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 17, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4117 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2001, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Wildlife Damage Control Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0217.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2002.

Type of Request: Intent to Revise and Extend a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The Wildlife Services Division of the Animal Health Plant Inspection Service, USDA, has contracted with NASS to survey a sample of U.S. producers of selected agricultural commodities. The primary goal of the survey is the collection of valid statistical data from agricultural producers who have experienced the loss of product or resources from vertebrate wildlife and the measurement of monetary losses. Additional goals are to evaluate Wildlife Services name recognition and test the efficacy of Wildlife Services programs in reducing crop and livestock losses.

The current information collection was approved for surveys of losses to specific livestock such as cattle and sheep and previous collections have been approved to measure losses of crops such as corn and fruits. The proposed survey for January 2002 is a standalone general wildlife damage survey, to be followed by annual commodity-specific surveys which will usually be integrated with regular NASS probability surveys. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 minutes per response.

Respondents: Agricultural Commodity Producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,400 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336B South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024 or gmcbride@nass.usda.gov. All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, July 20, 2001.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Invitation for Nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation of Nominations for Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces an invitation from the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture for nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

On January 2, 2001, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the Advisory Committee charter for another two years. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing, content, etc. of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of information to obtain from respondents concerning agriculture. The Committee also prepares recommendations regarding the content