

important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia Andre, District Ranger, Mad River Ranger District, Star Route Box 300, Bridgeville, California 95526 or telephone Janice Stevenson, Project Planner (707) 574-6233.

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Harold J. Slate,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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California Spotted Owl EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open house in which the public is invited to participate in information exchange regarding alternatives being considered in the California Spotted Owl Draft Environmental Impact Statement, as they affect the Sequoia National Forest area.

DATES AND TIME: April 10, from 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Kernville Elementary School, 13350 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA 93238.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Judy Schutza, Hot Springs Ranger District, Route 4, Box 548, California Hot Springs, CA 93207. (805) 548-6503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to amend the Pacific Southwest Regional Guide and Sierran Province Forest Plans with new management direction for the California Spotted Owl. The purpose of this meeting is to

exchange information with the public regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the preferred alternative.

The meeting will be informally structured. A member of the team that prepared the DEIS will be available to answer questions and discuss the DEIS. Visual media depicting the alternatives and selected environmental consequences will be displayed.

Judy Schutza,

District Ranger.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-002N]

Exemption for Retail Stores; Adjustment of Dollar Limitations

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the dollar limitation currently in effect on the annual sales of poultry products that can be sold by retail stores exempt from Federal inspection requirements to consumers other than household consumers, such as hotels, restaurants and similar institutions, has been adjusted to conform with price change for poultry products as indicated by the Consumer Price Index. The dollar limitation for poultry products increased from \$34,500 to \$35,700 for calendar year 1995. The dollar limitation for meat products remains at \$38,900 for calendar year 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula M. Cohen, Director, Regulations Development, Policy, Evaluation and Planning Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-7164.

Background

Federal inspection of meat and poultry products prepared for sale or distribution in commerce or in States designated under section 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 661(c)) and section 5(c) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 454(c)) is required by law and administered by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). However, section 301(c)(2) of the FMIA (21 U.S.C. 661(c)(2)) and section 5(c)(2) of the PPIA (21 U.S.C. 454(c)(2)) state that the general requirement of routine Federal inspection “* * * shall not apply to

operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores * * * when conducted at any retail store * * * for sale in normal retail quantities * * * to consumers * * *.”

FSIS regulations (9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d)) define retail stores that qualify for exemption from routine Federal inspection under the FMIA or PPIA. Under the regulations, whether an establishment is an exempt retail establishment depends, in part, upon the percentage and volume of its trade with consumers other than household consumers, such as hotels, restaurants and similar institutions. Accordingly, the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations state in terms of dollars the maximum amount of meat and poultry products which may be sold to nonhousehold consumers if the establishment is to remain an exempt retail establishment. During calendar year 1994, the maximum amount for meat products was \$38,900; for poultry products, the amount was \$34,500.

The Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations (9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b)) further provide that the dollar limitation on product sales by retail stores to consumers other than household consumers will be automatically adjusted during the first quarter of each calendar year whenever the Consumer Price Index, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Department of Labor, indicates a change during the previous year in the price of the same volume of product exceeding \$500, upward or downward. The regulations also require that notice of the adjusted dollar limitation be published in the **Federal Register**.

The BLS Consumer Price Index for 1994 indicates an average annual price increase in meat products of 0.6 percent and an average annual price increase in poultry products of 3.4 percent. When rounded off to the nearest \$100, the price increase for meat products amounts to \$200 and the price increase for poultry products amounts to \$1,200. As a percentage of the existing dollar limitation, change in excess of \$500 is indicated for poultry products only.

Accordingly, FSIS, in accordance with §§ 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations, has maintained the dollar limitation of permitted sales of meat products at \$38,900 and raised the dollar limitation of permitted sales for poultry products from \$34,500 to \$35,700.