

shape of the original part prior to slicing. Further, the slices need not come from the same part. These requirements are consistent with current guidelines for poultry labeled "whole chicken, cut-up," where all parts need not come from the same chicken.

Feather Criteria

The feather criteria in Grade A-, B-, and C-quality poultry carcasses and parts and Grade A-quality poultry roasts will be updated. Existing standards require that poultry either be "free of feathers" or possess only a few feathers when examined at normal grading speeds. The standards will be revised to specify the number and length of protruding feathers allowed on poultry for each grade, and limit the length of hair and/or down permitted on ducks and geese. These additions reflect the Agency's actual grading interpretation and practices, and do not require a change in existing procedures.

Tentative Grade Standards

The authority for the use of the three tentative grade standards will be terminated for: (1) Ready-to-cook boneless, skinless legs and drumsticks; (2) ready-to-cook boneless, skinless products without added ingredients; and (3) cooked boneless, skinless products, without added ingredients published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 1995 (60 FR 16428), June 12, 1995 (60 FR 3083), and February 15, 1996 (61 FR 5975), respectively.

Miscellaneous Changes

Additionally AMS will:

(1) Add poultry tenderloins and wing portions to the standards to make each eligible for grade identification. Tenderloins may be identified as Grade A-quality; and wing portions may be identified as Grade A-, B-, or C-quality parts.

(2) Allow the use of clear to semi-clear marinades and sauces for grade-identified products, provided the ingredients do not alter the applicable grade factors or detract from the appearance of the product;

(3) Revise standards for skinless carcasses and parts to include specific labeling options; and

(4) Make additional miscellaneous changes to remove obsolete material and otherwise clarify, update, simplify, and technically correct the standards. These changes are editorial or housekeeping in nature and impose no new requirements.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Snake River Watershed, Marshall, Pennington, and Polk Counties, MN

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, give notice that the environmental impact statement is being prepared for Snake River Watershed, Marshall, Pennington and Polk Counties, Minnesota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Hunt, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 600, St. Paul, MN 55101, Telephone: (612) 602-7854.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project may cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, William Hunt, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is needed for this project.

The project's purpose is to provide flood prevention in the watershed. Alternatives under consideration to reach these objectives include conservation land treatment, off-channel floodwater retarding structure, and floodway.

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. Further information on the proposed action may be obtained from William

Hunt, State Conservationist, at the above address or telephone (612) 602-7854.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: March 20, 1998.

William Hunt,

State Conservationist.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Americans With Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines for Passenger Vessels

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) announces its intent to establish a Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (Committee) to make recommendations for accessibility guidelines for passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The Access Board requests applications for representatives to serve on the Committee.

DATES: Applications should be received by May 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to the Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Fax number (202) 272-5447.

Applications may also be sent via electronic mail to the Access Board at the following address: pvaac@access-board.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Beatty, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 19 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request and is also available on the Board's Internet site (<http://>