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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Part 94

[Docket No. 02-109-2]

#### Importation of Beef From Uruguay

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule; Notice of reopening and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are extending the comment period for our proposed rule to amend the regulations governing the importation of certain animals, meat, and other animal products into the United States to allow, under certain conditions, the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Uruguay. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 02-109-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 02-109-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to [regulations@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:regulations@aphis.usda.gov). Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 02-109-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on Docket No. 02-109-1 in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW.,

Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Hatim Gubara, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Regionalization Evaluation Services Staff, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-4356.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 10, 2003, we published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 6673-6677, Docket No. 02-109-1) a proposal to amend the regulations governing the importation of certain animals, meat, and other animal products into the United States to allow, under certain conditions, the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Uruguay. Based on the evidence in a recent risk evaluation, we believe that fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Uruguay can be safely imported from Uruguay provided certain conditions are met.

Comments on the proposed rule were required to be received on or before April 11, 2003. We are reopening and extending the comment period for Docket No. 02-109-1 for an additional 14 days ending April 25, 2003. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701-7772, and 8301-8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 4331 and 4332; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 9th day of April 2003.

**Peter Fernandez,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 10 CFR Part 709

[Docket No. CN-03-RM-01]

RIN 1992-AA33

### Office of Counterintelligence; Polygraph Examination Regulations

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE or Department) publishes a notice of proposed rulemaking to begin a proceeding to consider whether to retain or modify its current Polygraph Examination Regulations. DOE is undertaking this action, among other reasons, to satisfy the directive of section 3152 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 that following issuance of the National Academy of Sciences' Polygraph Review (NAS Polygraph Review), DOE is to prescribe regulations for a new counterintelligence polygraph program, whose Congressionally-specified purpose is " \* \* \* to minimize the potential for release or disclosure of classified data, materials, or information."

**DATES:** Written comments (10 copies) are due June 13, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may choose to address written comments to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Counterintelligence (CN-1), Docket No. CN-03-RM-01, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, you may e-mail your comments to: [poly@hq.doe.gov](mailto:poly@hq.doe.gov). You may review or copy the public comments DOE has received in Docket No. CN-03-RM-01 and any other docket material DOE makes available at the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. This notice of proposed rulemaking and supporting documentation is available on DOE's internet home page at the following address: <http://www.energy.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Hinckley, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Counterintelligence, CN-1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-5901; or Lise Howe, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-