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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Part 381

[Docket No. 99–017E]

#### Classes of Poultry

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule: reopening and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is reopening and extending the comment period for the proposed rulemaking, "Classes of Poultry." The comment period for the proposed rule closed on November 28, 2003. This action responds to a request from an industry trade association to allow additional time to comment on a specific issue raised in the preamble to the proposed rule.

**DATES:** Comments are due February 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send one original and two copies of written comments to FSIS Docket No. 99–017P, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert C. Post, Ph.D., Director, Labeling and Consumer Protection Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 205–0279

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 29, 2003, FSIS published a proposed rule, "Classes of Poultry," in the *Federal Register* (68 FR 55902). In that document, the Agency proposed to amend the definitions and standards for the official U.S. classes of poultry so that they more accurately and clearly describe the characteristics of poultry in the market today. Poultry classes are defined primarily in terms of the age and the sex of the bird. In the preamble to the proposed rule, FSIS requested, among other things, comments on

whether the Agency should establish ready-to-cook carcass weights or maximum weights for certain poultry classes.

An industry trade association submitted a comment stating that this issue would require considerable consultation with various segments of the chicken industry. The commenter requested additional time to discuss the issue with the industry and to try to arrive at a consensus of workable market weights for certain chicken classes.

FSIS has considered the request and believes that the information that the commenter is interested in providing will be useful in informing the Agency's decision on whether to establish ready-to-cook market weights for certain poultry classes, and if so, what those weights should be. Therefore, the Agency will reopen and extend the comment period for the proposed rule for an additional 30 days. The Agency believes that this will provide additional time for comments to be made, while ensuring that the rulemaking proceeds in a timely manner. As a result of this reopening and extension, the comment period for the proposed rule will close on February 9, 2004.

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Done in Washington, DC on January 5, 2004.

**Garry L. McKee,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–NM–204–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 50 Series Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 50 series airplanes. This proposal would require a one-time inspection for improper installation of the electrical wiring for the optional lighting in the cabin, and corrective actions if necessary. This action is necessary to prevent overheating of optional lighting wiring that was improperly installed in the cabin, and consequent smoke/fire in the cabin. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by February 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002–NM–204–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056.