

Guatemala and suggested that APHIS allow its use as an alternative to the cold treatment.

The risk management document that we made available with our February 2008 notice only considered the use of cold treatment as a mitigation measure. We will, however, examine the evidence for the effectiveness of fumigation with methyl bromide as a means of removing the pests of concern from the pathway and would authorize its use for the treatment of blueberries from Guatemala if the evidence supports that action.

After considering the comments discussed above, we have determined that no changes to the pest risk analysis are necessary. Therefore, in accordance with the regulations in § 319.56–4(c)(2)(ii), we are announcing our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the continental United States of blueberries from Guatemala subject to the following conditions:

- The fruit must be cold treated for Mediterranean fruit fly and South American fruit fly using treatment schedule T107–a–1 in accordance with 7 CFR part 305.
- Each shipment of fruit must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the national plant protection organization of Guatemala.
- Each shipment is subject to inspection upon arrival in the United States.
- The fruit must be a commercial consignment as defined in 7 CFR 319.56–2.

These conditions will be listed in the fruits and vegetables manual (available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/fv.pdf). In addition to these specific measures, the blueberries will be subject to the general requirements listed in § 319.56–3 that are applicable to the importation of all fruits and vegetables.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of April 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 2008–0010]

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 new dollar limitations on the amount of meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products that a retail store can sell to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions without disqualifying itself for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. By reason of FSIS' regulations, for calendar year 2008 the dollar limitation is increased for meat and meat food products from \$55,100 to \$56,900 and for poultry products from \$44,400 to \$46,700. FSIS is changing the dollar limitations from calendar year 2007 based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This notice is effective May 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact John O'Connell, Policy Issuances Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 3532 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700; telephone (202) 720–0345, 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 a comprehensive statutory framework to ensure that meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products prepared for commerce are wholesome, not adulterated, and are properly labeled and packaged. 21 U.S.C. 661(c)(2) and 454(c)(2) also provide that the statutory provisions requiring inspection of the preparation or processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products do not apply to the types of operations traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants when those operations are conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in normal retail quantities. FSIS' regulations §§ 303.1(d) and 381.10(d) further address the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations involving the preparation or

processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products.

Sales to Hotels, Restaurants, and Similar Institutions

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions (other than household consumers) disqualify a store for exemption if the product sales 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 Consumer Price Index (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 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b).)

The CPI for 2007 revealed an average annual price increase for meat and meat food products of 3.3 percent and for poultry products of 5.1 percent. When rounded off to the nearest \$100, the price increase for meat and meat food products is \$1,800, and the price increase for poultry products is \$2,300. Because the price of meat and meat food products has increased by more than \$500, and because the price of poultry products has increased by more than \$500, FSIS is increasing the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions from \$55,100 to \$56,900 for meat and meat food products and from \$44,400 to \$46,700 for poultry products for calendar year 2008, in accordance with §§ 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2008_Notices_Index/index.asp.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The Update is

communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The Update also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on: April 28, 2008.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Public Review.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an Agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development and/or the Agency, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) related to possible financial assistance to Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) for the construction of approximately 38.7-miles of 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would connect Georgia Power Company's existing Thomson Primary 500/230/115/46 kV Substation to Georgia Power Company's existing Warthen 500 kV Switching Station. GTC is requesting Rural Development provide financial assistance for the proposed project located in McDuffie, Warthen, Glascock and Washington Counties, Georgia.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before June 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, phone (202) 720-0468, e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov or Gayle Houston, Environmental and Regulatory Coordinator, GTC, 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia 30084-5336, phone (770) 270-7748, e-mail gayle.houston@gatrans.com. A copy of the EA may be viewed online at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and at the following locations:

Jefferson Electric Membership Cooperative, Highway 17 North, Wrens, GA 30833, (706) 547-2167.
Washington Electric Membership Corporation, 238 Harris Street, Sandersville, GA 31082, (478) 552-5552.

Glascock County Public Library, 738 Railroad Avenue, Gibson, GA 30810, Phone: 706-598-9837.

Harlem Library, 375 North Louisville Street, Harlem, GA 30814, Phone: 706-556-9795.

Hancock County Library, 403 East Broad Street, Sparta, GA 31087, Phone: 706-444-5389.

Rosa M. Tarbuton Memorial Library, 314 South Harris Street, Sandersville, GA 31082, Phone: 478-552-6324.

Thomson McDuffie County Library, 338 Main Street, Thomson, GA 30824, Phone: 706-595-1341.

Warren County Library, 101 Warren Street, Warrenton, GA 30828, Phone: 706-465-2656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GTC proposes to construct a 38.7-mile, 500 kV Transmission Line on a 150-foot right-of-way with structures 80 to 150-foot out-of-ground to distribute power to the Augusta, Georgia area. The preferred route is the alternative with the least impact to the environment and communities in the area. The preferred route begins at the existing Thomson 500/230/115/46 kV Substation located at the intersection of Randall-Davis Road and Davis Road in Thomson, GA and follows an existing 46 kV Transmission Line southwest for approximately one mile. The route then turns in a westerly direction for 36 miles, crossing the Little Ogeechee River. The route turns northwest and terminates at the existing Warthen Switching Station located at 1600 Mills Lindsay School Road, Warthen, Georgia.

The EA concludes that the proposed Thomson-Warthen 500 kV Transmission Line would not have a significant impact on the human, cultural or natural environment.

Rural Development has reviewed and accepted the document as its EA of the proposed project. The EA is available for public review at addresses provided above in this Notice. Written questions and comments should be sent to USDA Rural Development at the mailing or e-mail addresses provided above in this Notice. Rural Development should receive comments on the EA in writing by June 2, 2008 to ensure that they are considered in its environmental impact determination.

Should USDA Rural Development determine, based on the EA of the proposed project, that the impacts of the construction and operation of the project would not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Public notification of a FONSI would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with circulation in the project area.

Any final action by Rural Development related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, and completion of the environmental review requirements in Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794).

Dated: April 22, 2008.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA/Rural Development/Utilities Programs.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Rm. 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - March 7, 2008 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. Management and Operations
 - Status of FY 2009 Budget