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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; Abolish Obsolete System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of abolishment for USDA/FS-13 Geometronics Skills Inventory record system.

SUMMARY: A review of this Privacy Act System of Records has concluded that this system is no longer in effect and obsolete. This system is being abolished from the Forest Service System of Records in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This notice is effective on September 8, 2008.

ADDRESSES: For additional information contact the Director of Engineering, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mailstop 1101, Washington, DC 20250-1101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard W. Sowa, P.E., Director of Engineering, Telephone: (703) 605-4646.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, requires that each agency publish a notice of the existence and character of each new or altered "system of records." 5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(5). This notice identifies and abolishes a Forest Service discontinued and obsolete system of records. The Forest Service is abolishing the following system of records which, upon review, is no longer used and is obsolete: USDA/FS-13 Geometronics Skills Inventory. The records have been destroyed according to the Federal Records Disposal Act of 1943 (44 U.S.C. 366-380) and the Federal Records Act of 1950, and as designated in the Forest Service Records Management Handbook (FSH) 6209.11.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

Edward T. Schafer,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS 2008-0028]

Irradiation as a Processing Aid

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of petition and public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that it has received a petition from the American Meat Institute (AMI) to recognize the use of low penetration and low dose electron beam irradiation on the surface of chilled beef carcasses as a processing aid. Based on its consideration of the data and information contained in the petition, FSIS believes that the petition has merit. FSIS will hold a public meeting on September 18, 2008, to review the information contained in the petition and to receive public comments on what action it should take with respect to the petition. A copy of the petition is available on the FSIS Web site.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 18, 2008. Comments must be received by October 18, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024, (202) 484-1000.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on the petition and its reaction to the petition. FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting date and will post it on the FSIS Web page http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News?Meetings_&_Events/. The petition discussed in this notice is available for viewing by the public in the FSIS Docket Room and on the FSIS Web site http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News?Meetings_&_Events/ and http://www.usda.gov/regulations_&policies/Petitions/index.asp. The official transcript of the meeting will be available for viewing by the public in the FSIS Docket Room and

on the FSIS Web site http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News?Meetings_&_Events/ when it becomes available.

Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. FSIS prefers to receive comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select the FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2008-0028 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. After the close of the comment period, the docket can be viewed using the "Advanced Search" function in Regulations.gov.

Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, FSIS Docket Room, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2534, Washington, DC 20250.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2008-0028. Documents referred to in this notice, and all comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&policies/2008_Notices_Index/index.asp.

Individuals who do not wish FSIS to post their personnel contact information—mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number—on the Internet may leave this information off of their comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, Patrick Burke: telephone—202/720-7974 and e-mail—patrick.burke@fsis.usda.gov.

Pre-registration for this meeting is recommended. To pre-register, please contact Robert Tynan by telephone at (202) 720-3884 or by e-mail at Robert.Tynan@fsis.usda.gov, Persons