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Alfred V. Almanza,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2014-0023]

Changes to the Salmonella and Campylobacter Verification Testing Program: Proposed Performance Standards for Salmonella and Campylobacter in Not-Ready-to-Eat Comminuted Chicken and Turkey Products and Raw Chicken Parts and Related Agency Verification Procedures and Other Changes to Agency Sampling

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is extending the comment period for the **Federal Register** notice "Changes to the *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* Verification Testing Program: Proposed Performance Standards for *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in Not-Ready-to-Eat Comminuted Chicken and Turkey Products and Raw Chicken Parts and Related Agency Verification Procedures and Other Changes to Agency Sampling" until May 26, 2015. The Agency is taking this action in response to a request made by a coalition of trade associations.

DATES: Comments are due by May 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments. Comments may be submitted by one 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. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow

the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

Mail, CD-ROMs: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street, SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163B, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2014-0023. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or to comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 164-A, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel L. Engeljohn, Ph.D., Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development; Telephone: (202) 205-0495, or by Fax: (202) 720-2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 26, 2015, FSIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce and request comment on new pathogen reduction performance standards for *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in raw chicken parts and not-ready-to-eat (NRTE) comminuted chicken and turkey products (80 FR 3940). The Agency also announced its plans to begin sampling raw chicken parts in March 2015 to gain additional information on the prevalence and the microbiological characteristics of *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in those products (80 FR at 3945). In addition, FSIS announced that it will begin exploratory sampling of raw pork products in March 2015 for pathogens of public health concern, as well as for indicator organisms (80 FR at 3942). FSIS also announced that it will begin sampling imported poultry carcasses, imported raw chicken parts, and imported NRTE comminuted chicken and turkey for *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in March 2015 (80 FR at 3944).

In addition, starting in March 2015, for products that are currently subject to *Salmonella* or *Campylobacter* performance standards, FSIS announced that it plans to use routine sampling throughout the year rather than the current set-based approach, whereby

FSIS collects a given number of samples consecutive days to assess whether establishments' processes are effectively addressing these pathogens. FSIS stated that it would perform this assessment using a moving window of sampling results (80 FR at 3946).

FSIS also announced that, after reviewing the comments received on the notice, beginning July 1, 2015, the Agency plans to begin web-posting individual establishment category information for chicken and turkey carcasses. FSIS stated that it would assess what category establishments are in as of July 1, using combined historical set data and sample results beginning March 2015. Meanwhile, FSIS stated it will continue web-posting existing Category 3 poultry carcass establishments. Finally, starting in March 2015, the Agency announced that it would begin web-posting aggregate reports for chicken parts as data become available, and comminuted chicken and turkey using historical data and new results beginning in March (80 FR at 3948).

In a letter addressed to FSIS Deputy Under Secretary Alfred V. Almanza, dated January 30, 2015, a coalition of trade associations requested that FSIS extend the comment period by 90 days to provide additional time to formulate meaningful comments. In addition, the trade associations requested that FSIS extend all implementation dates discussed above by 90 days to ensure the Agency has an opportunity to consider the comments and to ensure that the affected industry has enough time to prepare for changes in Agency actions.

FSIS will extend the comment period by an additional 60 days; the comment period will now end on May 26, 2015. FSIS has determined that 60 days should be sufficient because FSIS has made available much of the information in the January 2015 **Federal Register** notice in other **Federal Register** notices¹ and in the *Salmonella* Action Plan.² FSIS will fully consider all comments received in response to the notice. FSIS will not, however, delay implementation of actions announced in the notice.

Therefore, in March 2015, FSIS intends to proceed with implementing sampling of raw chicken parts to gain additional information on the prevalence and the microbiological characteristics of *Salmonella* and

Campylobacter in those products. FSIS will analyze this data and will discuss it in the **Federal Register** announcing final standards. In March 2015, FSIS also intends to begin exploratory sampling of raw pork products for pathogens of public health concern, as well as for indicator organisms. Finally, FSIS intends to begin sampling imported poultry carcasses, imported raw chicken parts, and imported not-ready-to-eat comminuted chicken and turkey for *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in March 2015.

Similarly, in March 2015, for all products that are currently under *Salmonella* or *Campylobacter* performance standards, FSIS intends to proceed with using the moving window approach to assess whether establishment meet those standards. FSIS does not see a reason to delay analyzing standards according to the moving window approach because the Agency previously announced that it intended to do so and requested comments on this approach.³ FSIS responded to those comments⁴ and provided additional information on this approach in the January 2015 **Federal Register** notice (80 FR at 3946). Furthermore, FSIS does not expect establishment categories to change greatly when the Agency discontinues the set approach and starts using the moving window approach. Therefore, this change should not have a significant effect on establishments.

FSIS also intends to proceed with posting aggregate reports for chicken parts and comminuted chicken and turkey in March 2015 as announced in the January **Federal Register** notice. Until FSIS establishes final standards for these products, establishments may use these reports to increase their awareness of the pathogen incidence in these products and compare the on-going incidence in their establishments against the results made public by FSIS. Establishments may also choose to make changes in their procedures as necessary to control *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*, particularly if the levels of these pathogens in their products are higher than the proposed standard.

Finally, beginning July 1, 2015, the Agency plans to begin web-posting individual establishment category information for chicken and turkey carcasses as announced in the January **Federal Register** notice. However, as stated in the notice, we will assess the comments on that issue prior to posting.

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¹ 78 FR 53017; Aug. 28, 2013, 79 FR 32436; Jun. 5, 2014

² <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/foodborne-illness-and-disease/salmonella/sap>

³ 78 FR at 53019

⁴ 79 FR at 32439

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Done at Washington, DC on: March 4, 2015.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet March 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Opening remarks by Bureau of Industry and Security.
3. Presentation of papers or comments by the Public.
4. Export Enforcement update.
5. Regulations update.
6. Working group reports.
7. Automated Export System update.

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 25 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov no later than March 12, 2015.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation

materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via email.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 24, 2015, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § (10)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.

Dated: March 2, 2015.

Yvette Springer,
Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Western Pacific Community Development Program Process

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 11, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jarad Makaiau, (808) 944-2108 or Jarad.Makaiau@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Federal regulations at 50 CFR part 665 authorize the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Island Region to provide eligible western Pacific communities with access to fisheries that they have traditionally depended upon, but may not have the capabilities to support continued and substantial participation, possibly due to economic, regulatory, or other barriers. To be eligible to participate in the western Pacific community development program, a community must meet the criteria set forth in 50 CFR part 665.20, and submit a community development plan that describes the purposes and goals of the plan, the justification for proposed fishing activities, and the degree of involvement by the indigenous community members, including contact information.

This collection of information provides NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) with data to determine whether a community that submits a community development plan meets the regulatory requirements for participation in the program, and whether the activities proposed under the plan are consistent with the intent of the program, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and other applicable laws. The information is also important for evaluating potential impacts of the proposed community development plan activities on fish stocks, endangered species, marine mammals, and other components of the affected environment for the purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act and other applicable laws.

II. Method of Collection

The collection of information of a community development plan involves no forms, and respondents have a choice of submitting information by electronic transmission or by mail. Instructions on how to submit a community development plan can be found on the Council's Web site at <http://www.wpcouncil.org/community-development/western-pacific-community-development-program/>.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0612.
Form Number: None.