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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2021–0011]

#### Retail Exemptions Adjusted Dollar Limitations

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the dollar limitations on the amount of meat and meat food products and 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.

**DATES:** *Applicable* June 14, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

#### 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 and meat food products and poultry and poultry products prepared for commerce are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. Statutory provisions requiring inspection of the processing of meat and meat food products and poultry and poultry products do not apply to operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants in regard to products offered for sale to consumers in normal retail quantities (21 U.S.C. 661(c)(2) and

454(c)(2)). FSIS's regulations (9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d)) elaborate on the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations involving the preparation of meat and meat food products and the processing of poultry and poultry products.

#### Sales to Hotels, Restaurants, and Similar Institutions

Under the aforementioned regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions (other than household consumers) disqualify a retail store from exemption if the retail product sales exceed either of two maximum limits: 25 percent of the dollar value of the total retail product sales of the amenable product or the calendar year retail dollar limitation set by the FSIS Administrator. The retail 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, shows 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 retail 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 2020 reveals an annual average price increase for meat and meat food products at 7.38 percent, an average annual price increase for Siluriformes fish and fish products at 3.26 percent, and an annual average price increase for poultry and poultry products at 5.6 percent. When rounded to the nearest \$100 dollar, the retail dollar limitation for meat and meat food products, including Siluriformes fish and fish products, increased by \$5,700<sup>1</sup> and the retail dollar limitation for poultry and poultry products increased by \$3,200. In accordance with 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b), because the retail

<sup>1</sup> The base value for "meat and meat products" in 2020 was \$79,200, which included \$76,700 for meat and meat products and \$2,500 to account for Siluriformes fish and fish products. The meat and meat products prices increased by 7.38 percent or \$5,660 ( $\$76,700 \times 0.0738 = \$5,660$ ) during 2020. The Siluriformes fish and fish products prices increased by 3.26 percent or \$82 ( $\$2,500 \times 0.0326 = \$82$ ) during 2020. Combined, the value for "meat and meat products" that includes Siluriformes fish and fish products increased by \$5,742 ( $\$5,660 + \$82$ ). Since this change is more than \$500, the base is adjusted to nearest \$100 or \$5,700.

dollar limitations for meat and meat food products increased by more than \$500, FSIS is increasing the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions to \$84,900 for meat and meat food products for calendar year 2021. Because the retail dollar limitations for poultry and poultry products increased by more than \$500, FSIS is increasing the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions to \$59,800 for poultry and poultry products for calendar year 2021.

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**Paul Kiecker,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be meeting virtually. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with

Title II of the mentioned Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to make funding recommendations on an array of new project proposals. Additional RAC information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/willamette/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time. All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually. Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Willamette National Forest Supervisor's Office, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Meyers, Acting RAC Coordinator (until June 18, 2021), by email at [christine.meyers@usda.gov](mailto:christine.meyers@usda.gov); or Jennifer Sorensen, RAC Coordinator (post June 18, 2021), by email at [jennifer.sorensen@usda.gov](mailto:jennifer.sorensen@usda.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Introduce RAC members;
2. Review the rules and regulations surrounding the Secure Rural School Title II process and Charter;
3. Revisit discussion from the first meeting; and
4. Make funding recommendations of new Secure Rural Schools Title II projects.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by June 18, 2021 to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for oral comments must be sent to Christine

Meyers, Acting RAC Coordinator, by email, at: [christine.meyers@usda.gov](mailto:christine.meyers@usda.gov).

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Dated: May 10, 2021.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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### Forest Service

#### Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a virtual meeting by phone and/or video conference. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act as well as make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the Tongass National Forest within the Ketchikan Borough, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Alaska Daylight Time.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually via telephone and/or video conference.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and