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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Parts 1710, 1720, and 1785

[Docket No. RUS-ELECTRIC-21-0016

RIN 0572-AC49

Implementing Provisions of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule, confirmation

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service, a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), hereinafter referred to as “RUS” or “the Agency,” published in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 2022, a final rule with request for comments. The Agency received no substantive comments, so this notice confirms the final rule as published.

DATES: As of February 21, 2023, the December 6, 2022, effective date for the final rule published December 6, 2022, at 87 FR 74493, is confirmed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis Solano, Rural Utilities Service Electric Program, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1568, Room 5165-S, Washington, DC 20250-3201; telephone: (202) 690-3407; email: alexis.solano@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS published a final rule with request for comments in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 2022, at 87 FR 74493. The final rule implemented sections 6501, 6503, 6505 and 6507 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-34) (Farm Bill).

The Agency received no substantive comments during the public comment period on the final rule

and therefore confirms the rule without change.

Andrew Berke,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 94

[Docket No. APHIS-2020-0066]

Alignment of Canned Meat and Canned Product Requirements

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are revising the regulations for cured or cooked meat from regions where foot-and-mouth disease exists to reflect changes to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations regarding thermally processed, commercially sterile meat. This action will remove from our regulations reference to a section in FSIS’ regulations that was eliminated when FSIS consolidated their regulations regarding thermally processed, commercially sterile meat. This action will align the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s animal product regulations with the current FSIS regulations.

DATES: Effective February 21, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Nathaniel J. Koval, Veterinary Medical Officer, APHIS Veterinary Services, Strategy and Policy, Animal Product Import and Export, 4700 River Road, Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-3434; Nathaniel.J.Koval@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals and animal products into the United States in order to prevent the introduction of various

foreign animal diseases. The regulations in § 94.4 prescribe conditions for importing into the United States cured or cooked meat from regions where APHIS considers foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) to exist.

Currently, § 94.4(b)(3) states that canned product (canned meat) as defined in 9 CFR 318.300(d) is exempt from the requirements of § 94.4. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) administers the regulations in 9 CFR part 318. In brief, paragraph (d) of § 318.300 had defined canned product as a meat food product with a water activity above 0.85 that receives a thermal process either before or after being packed in a hermetically sealed container. The intent of § 94.4(b)(3) is, accordingly, to specify that canned product that meets FSIS’ definition of that term is exempt from our conditions governing cured or cooked meat from regions where APHIS considers FMD to exist. This exemption is warranted because canned product that meets FSIS’ regulatory definition of that term has been processed in a manner that denatures FMD.

However, on May 31, 2018, FSIS published in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 25302-25325, Docket No. FSIS-2015-0036)¹ a final rule that, among other things, combined their regulations for thermally processed, commercially sterile meat products that appeared in 9 CFR 318.300 through 381.311 into 9 CFR part 431, Thermally Processed, Commercially Sterile Products. As FSIS’ final rule has taken effect, the reference to § 318.300(d) in APHIS’ regulations is outdated, and it has become necessary to update our regulations to reflect this change by removing reference to 9 CFR 318.300(d) and replacing it with the reference to 9 CFR part 431.

Effective Date

This rule updates APHIS’ regulations in order to ensure that references to FSIS’ regulations are accurate. Therefore, APHIS considers there to be good cause pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 to find that an opportunity for public comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest, and this rule may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

¹ To view the final rule, go to www.regulations.gov and enter FSIS-2015-0036 in the Search box.

Further, since this rule ensures that regulations issued by one USDA Agency are cited accurately in those issued by another USDA Agency, APHIS considers it to relate to internal agency management with USDA, and it is, accordingly, exempt from the provisions of Executive Orders 12866 and 12988. Finally, this action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 501) and, thus, it is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.025 and is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 2 CFR chapter IV.)

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no reporting or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Lists of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 94

Animal diseases, Canned meat, Canned product, Imports, Livestock, Meat and meat products.

Accordingly, we amend 9 CFR part 94 as follows:

PART 94—FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, NEWCASTLE DISEASE, HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA, AFRICAN SWINE FEVER, CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER, SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE, AND BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY: PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED IMPORTATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 94 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, 7781–7786, and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

§ 94.4 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 94.4, paragraph (b)(3) is amended by removing the text “§ 318.300(d) of this chapter” and adding the text “part 431 of this title” in its place.

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of February 2023.

Anthony Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R05–OAR–2018–0841; FRL–10489–02–R5]

Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Alton Township 2010 SO₂ Attainment Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision which Illinois submitted to EPA on December 31, 2018, for attaining the 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) primary national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for the Alton Township nonattainment area in Madison County. This plan (herein called a “nonattainment plan”) includes Illinois’ attainment demonstration and other elements required under the Clean Air Act (CAA), including the requirement for meeting reasonable further progress (RFP) toward attainment of the NAAQS, reasonably available control measures and reasonably available control technology (RACT/RACM), base-year and projection-year emission inventories, enforceable emission limitations and control measures, nonattainment new source review (NNSR), and contingency measures. EPA is approving Illinois’ submission as a SIP revision for attaining the 2010 1-hour primary SO₂ NAAQS in the Alton township nonattainment area, finding that Illinois has adequately demonstrated that the plan provisions provide for attainment of the NAAQS in the nonattainment area and that the plan meets the other applicable requirements under the CAA. EPA proposed to approve this action on December 30, 2022, and received no comments.

DATES: This final rule is effective on March 23, 2023.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R05–OAR–2018–0841. All documents in the docket are listed on the www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are

available either through www.regulations.gov or at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. This facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays and facility closures due to COVID–19. We recommend that you telephone Andrew Lee, Physical Scientist, at (312) 353–7645 before visiting the Region 5 office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean EPA.

I. Background Information

Following the promulgation in 2010 of a 1-hour primary SO₂ NAAQS, on June 30, 2016, EPA designated the Alton Township area within the State of Illinois as nonattainment for this NAAQS, in conjunction with designating multiple areas in other states as nonattainment as part of the Agency’s Round 2 designations. On December 31, 2018, Illinois submitted a nonattainment plan for the Alton Township area to attain the 1-hour SO₂ primary NAAQS. EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) approving Illinois’ attainment plan on December 30, 2022 (87 FR 80509).

The dispersion modeling results submitted by Illinois, and supplemented by EPA, show design values that are less than the standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb), specifically 74.9 ppb for the Alton Township area. EPA proposed that these areas demonstrate attainment of the 2010 SO₂ standard and meet the applicable requirements of CAA sections 110, 172, 191, and 192, including emission inventories, RACT/RACM, RFP, and contingency measures, and that Illinois has previously addressed requirements regarding NNSR. An explanation of the CAA requirements, a detailed analysis of the nonattainment plan for the Alton Township area, and EPA’s reasons for proposing approval were provided in the NPRM and will not be restated here.

II. Public Comments

The public comment period for this proposed rule ended on January 30, 2023. EPA received no comments on its NPRM.