

information is estimated to average 0.1698175 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Employees or attendants of USDA licensed/registered marine mammal facilities.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 2,197.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 24.847.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 54,588.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 9,270 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of April 2005.

**Elizabeth E. Gaston,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-010N]

#### 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 and meat food products 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 2005 the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products has been increased from \$53,600 to \$54,500 and for poultry products from \$43,600 to \$45,800. FSIS is increasing the dollar limitations from calendar year 2004 based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index.

**DATES:** Effective Date: This notice is effective April 15, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John O'Connell, Directives and Economic Analysis Staff, Office of Policy, Program, and Employee Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 112, Cotton Annex Building, 300

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#### 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 that the statutory provisions requiring inspection of the slaughter of livestock or poultry, and the preparation or processing of meat and meat food 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 (21 U.S.C. 454(c)(2) and 661 (c)(2)). In title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations §§ 303.1(d) and 381.10(d), FSIS regulations address the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations involving the preparation or processing of meat or poultry products.

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions disqualify a store for exemption if they 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 paragraphs (d)(2)(iii)(b) and (d)(2)(iii)(b) of §§ 303.1 and 381.10.)

The CPI for 2004 reveals an average annual price increase for meat and meat food products of 1.6 percent and an annual average price increase for poultry products of 5.1 percent. When rounded off to the nearest \$100.00, the price increase for meat and meat food products is \$900 and the price increase for poultry products is \$2,200. Because the price of meat and meat food products and the price of poultry products have increased by more than \$500, in accordance with §§ 303.1 (d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10 (d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations, FSIS is increasing the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions to \$54,500 for meat and meat food products and to \$45,800 for poultry products for calendar year 2005.

#### Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC, on: April 11, 2005.

**Barbara Masters,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-015N]

#### Food Security Workshops

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.