

Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53) as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). FSIS protects the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and correctly labeled.

FSIS is requesting the approval of two different forms to collect information for two distinct laboratory programs.

FSIS will use the PEPRL-F-0008.04 form as a self-assessment audit checklist to collect information related to the quality assurance/quality control procedures in place at in-plant and private laboratories participating in the Pasteurized Egg Product Recognized Laboratory (PEPRLab) program (9 CFR 590.580). FSIS will use the data collected in the desk audit of existing labs or the appraisal of a new applicant.

Any non-Federal laboratory that is applying for the FSIS Accredited Laboratory program will need to complete an Application for FSIS Accredited Laboratory Program form (9 CFR 439). State or private laboratories need only submit the application once for entry into the program. FSIS will use the information collected by the form to help access the laboratory applying for admission to the FSIS Accredited Laboratory program.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment.

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of 0.96 hours per year to complete a laboratory form.

Respondents: Laboratories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 24 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202)720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent both to FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

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information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Email_Subscription/.

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Done at Washington, DC, on April 18, 2012.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0015]

Retail Exemptions Adjusted Dollar Limitations

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, 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. In accordance with FSIS' regulations, for calendar year 2012, the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products is being increased from \$61,900 to \$67,300 and for poultry products from \$50,200 to \$51,700. FSIS is changing the dollar limitations from calendar year 2011 based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: Effective Date: This notice is effective April 24, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John O'Connell, Policy Issuances Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 6083 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 720-0345.

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, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products prepared for commerce

are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. The statutes include an exception from the provisions requiring inspection of the preparation or processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products when the preparation or processing produces products in normal retail quantities, and the operations are of the type that are traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants (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 where these exemptions apply to retail operations involving the preparation or processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products.

Sales to Hotels, Restaurants, and Similar Institutions

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions (other than household consumers) disqualify a store for the exemption if the product sales 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 calendar 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 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 2011 reveals an annual average price increase for meat and meat food products at 8.8 percent and for poultry products at 2.9 percent. When rounded to the nearest \$100, the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products increased by \$5,400, and the dollar limitation for poultry products increased by \$1,500. Because the dollar limitation of meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products increased by more than \$500, FSIS is increasing the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions to \$67,300 for meat and meat food products and to \$51,700 for poultry and poultry products for calendar year 2012, in accordance with 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: 2012 Notice call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, (NUCFAC) will be filling four positions that will expire at the end of December 2012. Interested applicants may download a copy of the application and position descriptions from the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Web site: www.fs.fed.us/ucf/.

DATES: Nomination(s) must be "received" (not postmarked) by May 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Nomination applications by courier should be addressed to: Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151. Please submit electronic nomination(s) to: nucfac_ucf_proposals@fs.fed.us. The subject line should read: 2012 NUCFAC Nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151, phone 202-205-1054.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Facsimiles will not be accepted as official nominations. Email or courier service is recommended. Regular mail submissions must be screened by the agency and may delay the receipt of the application up to a month.

A total of four positions will be filled. The following four positions will serve a 3-year term from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2015:

- One of two members representing a national non-profit forestry and/or conservation citizen organization;
- A member representing city/town government;
- One of two members representing academic institutions with an expertise in urban and community forestry activities;