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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 53

[Docket No. APHIS–2023–0088]

RIN 0579–AE79

Payment of Indemnity and Compensation for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period for our interim rule that would amend the regulations pertaining to conditions for payment of indemnity for highly pathogenic avian influenza. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the interim rule published on December 31, 2024 (89 FR 106981–106996) is reopened. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 14, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2023–0088 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2023–0088, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 2C–10.16, 4700 River Road, Unit 25, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at Regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South

Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Leonardo L. Sevilla, DVM, Veterinary Medical Officer, Poultry Health Team, VS Strategy and Policy Aquaculture, Swine, Equine, and Poultry (ASEP), ASEP Health Center, 920 Main Campus Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (984) 766–1528; Leonardo.sevilla@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 31, 2024, we published in the *Federal Register* (89 FR 106981–106996, Docket No. APHIS–2023–0088) an interim rule to amend the regulations pertaining to conditions for payment of indemnity for highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before March 3, 2025. We are reopening the comment period on Docket No. APHIS–2023–0088 for an additional 30 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments. We will also consider all comments received between March 4, 2025, (the day after the close of the original comment period) and the date of this document.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 8301–8317; 7CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.)

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of March 2025.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 200

[Release No. 33–11366; 34–102552; IA–6862; IC–35492]

Delegation of Authority to Director of the Division of Enforcement

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is

amending its regulations with respect to the delegations of authority to the Director of the Division of Enforcement (“Director”) to eliminate the delegation of authority to issue formal orders of investigation. Formal orders designate the enforcement staff authorized to issue subpoenas in connection with investigations under the Federal securities laws. This amendment is the result of the Commission’s experience with its nonpublic investigations. The amendment is intended to increase effectiveness by more closely aligning the Commission’s use of its investigative resources with Commission priorities.

DATES: Effective March 14, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlotte Buford, Deputy Chief Counsel, at (202) 551–4843, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–6553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

As a result of its experience with its nonpublic investigations, the Commission is amending its delegations of authority to the Director to eliminate the delegation of authority to issue formal orders of investigation.¹ The Commission is authorized to conduct investigations concerning possible violations of the Federal securities laws, which provide that “any member of the Commission or any officer designated by it is empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, or other records which the Commission deems relevant or material to the inquiry.” Section 21(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78u(b). *See also* section 19(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. 77s(c); section 42(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. 80a–41(b); and section 209(b) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. 80b–9(b). The Commission issues

¹ See 17 CFR 200.30–4(a)(13). Congress has authorized such delegation by Public Law 87–592, 76 Stat. 394, 15 U.S.C. 78d–1(a), which provides that the Commission “shall have the authority to delegate, by published order or rule, any of its functions to . . . an employee or employee board, including functions with respect to hearing, determining, ordering, certifying, reporting, or otherwise acting as to any work, business or matter.”