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FSIS Constituent Alert

Comment Period Extended for Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection Proposed Rule

FSIS announced today that it will extend the comment period 30 days for a proposed rule to modernize the way young chickens and turkeys are inspected. The original deadline to submit comments was April 26; the new deadline to receive comments is **30 days** after the notice announcing the extension publishes in the Federal Register. The request to extend the comment period was made by constituents and the Agency agreed.

The notice clarifies answers to questions from several groups; the posting of those answers ensures that the groups *and* the public have access to the same information. The notice also specifies that FSIS is seeking information and data on potential impacts of line speed on worker safety.

The notice announcing the extension will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/Proposed_Rules/index.asp and will publish in the Federal Register. Comments may be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov, or by mail to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSIS, OPPD, RIMD, Docket Clearance Unit, Patriots Plaza III, Room 8-163A, Mailstop 3782, 355 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3700. All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the agency name and docket number, which will be assigned when it is published in the Federal Register.