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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-007N]

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 automatic increases in the dollar limitations on sales of meat and meat food products and poultry products to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions that do not disqualify a store for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. By action of FSIS' regulations, for calendar year 2001, the dollar limitations for meat and meat food products has increased from \$42,500 to \$44,900 and for poultry products from \$39,000 to \$39,800. These increases are based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective August 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information contact Daniel Engeljohn, Ph.D., Director, Regulations and Directives Development Staff, Office of Policy, Program Development, and Evaluation, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 112, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 720-5627, fax (202) 690-0486.

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 products

thereof do not apply to operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants, when conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in normal retail quantities or service to consumers at such establishments (21 U.S.C. 454(c)(2) and 661 (c)(2)). In §§ 303.1(d) and 381.10(d), respectively (9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d)), FSIS regulations address the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations.

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 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)(vi) of §§ 303.1 and 381.10.)

The CPI for 2000 reveals an average annual price increase for meat and meat food products of 5.6 percent and for poultry products of 2.0 percent. When rounded off to the nearest \$100.00, the price increase for meat and meat food products is \$2,400.00 and for poultry products is \$800.00. Because the price of meat and meat food products and the price of poultry products have increased by more than \$500, in accordance with §§ 300.1 (d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10 (d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations, FSIS has increased the dollar limitations on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions from \$42,500 to \$44,900 for meat and meat food products and from \$39,000 to \$39,800 for poultry products for calendar year 2001.

Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC, on: August 7, 2001.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on August 29 and 30, 2001, at the Pt. Reyes National Seashore in Pt. Reyes, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 29 and 30, 2001. A field tour of watershed restoration and wildlife habitat improvement projects will be held on August 30 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. The business meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 29 and from 1 to 3 p.m. on August 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pt. Reyes National Seashore