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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 381

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0016]

Eligibility of Chile To Export Poultry and Poultry Products to the United States: Proposed Rule Comment Period Extension and Notice of New Information

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; supplemental information.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is providing additional information about the basis on which it has tentatively concluded that Chile's inspection system for poultry and poultry products is equivalent to that of the United States. FSIS published a proposed rule (FSIS-2006-0030) in the **Federal Register** of February 26, 2007 (72 FR 8293-8296), that would add Chile to the list of countries eligible to export poultry and poultry products to the United States. A comment on the proposal noted a deficiency that FSIS found in its onsite audit of Chile's inspection system and questioned how, given that deficiency, FSIS could find Chile's system equivalent. FSIS is addressing this concern in this supplement to the proposed rule. Given that FSIS is providing additional information to explain the basis for its tentative finding of equivalency, FSIS is re-opening the comment period on the proposed rule to May 25, 2007.

DATES: Submit comments by May 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on the proposed rule referenced in this document. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the

comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. FSIS prefers to receive comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" and "Proposed Rules" from the agency drop-down menu and then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select the FDMS Docket Number to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. After the close of the comment period, the docket can be viewed using the "Advanced Search" function in Regulations.gov.

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

- Electronic mail: RiskBasedInspection@fsis.usda.gov.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2006-0030.

All comments submitted in response to this proposed rule will be posted to the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site. Comments will also be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Daniel Engeljohn, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Administrator for Office of Policy, Program and Employee Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 3147, South Building, 14th and Independence, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 205-0495, fax (202) 401-1760, daniel.engeljohn@usda.fsis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FSIS is the public health regulatory agency in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged. Under the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 466), FSIS must evaluate a foreign country's inspection system before determining that country is

eligible to export poultry or poultry products. This evaluation consists of two parts: A document review and an on-site review. The document review is an evaluation of the laws, regulations, and other written materials used by the country to effect its inspection program. If the document review is satisfactory, the on-site review is scheduled. It is conducted by a multi-disciplinary team that evaluates all aspects of the country's inspection program, including its laboratories and individual establishments within the country. The process of determining equivalence is described fully on the FSIS Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_and_policies/equivalence_process/index.asp.

The FSIS review of Chile's poultry inspection system found that Chile's requirements are equivalent to the relevant provisions of the PPIA and the regulations that implement that statute. The FSIS on-site review of Chile's poultry inspection system in August 2005 found, however, that Chile was not conducting species verification testing as required.

Chile immediately committed to remedying this deficiency and has documented the steps that it has taken to implement species verification testing. FSIS has evaluated the documentation provided by Chile and is confident that Chile has sufficient controls in place to ensure that species verification testing is being performed. It is noteworthy that FSIS audited Chile's *beef* slaughter inspection system in March-April 2006 and found that species verification testing is being performed by the Chilean government in the beef slaughter establishments certified to export to the United States.

FSIS documentation of the materials submitted by Chile to satisfy the species verification requirement for poultry can be found online as an addendum to the 2005 FSIS audit of Chile's poultry inspection system at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_and_policies/Foreign_Audit_Reports/index.asp.

FSIS is re-opening the comment period for this proposed rule so that the public can have an opportunity to comment on the new information that the Agency is making available. Comments must be received by May 25, 2007.

Under this proposed rule, poultry and poultry products processed in certified Chilean establishments may be exported to the United States. All such products will be subject to re-inspection at United States ports-of-entry by FSIS inspectors.

E-Government Act Compliance

The Food Safety and Inspection Service is committed to complying with the E-Government Act, to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this document, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/2007_Proposed_Rules_Index/index.asp. FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password-protect their account.

Done at Washington, DC, on April 30, 2007.

David P. Goldman,

Acting Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AI13

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-MPC Revision 5

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations revising the NAC International, Inc., NAC-Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC) system listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 5 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) Number 1025. Amendment No. 5 would modify the CoC by revising the Technical Specifications (TS) to incorporate changes to the reporting and monitoring requirements to allow for visual inspection of the air inlet and outlet vents instead of thermal monitoring, revising the TS to incorporate guidance from NRC Interim Staff Guidance-22 and replace all references to backfilling the cask with air to backfilling with inert gas, revising the CoC description to remove the requirement for tamper-indicating devices on the Vertical Concrete Casks, and including several editorial changes to improve the clarity of the documents associated with the NAC-MPC system, under the general provisions that govern licensing requirements for the independent storage of spent nuclear fuel, high level radioactive waste, and reactor-related greater than Class C waste.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before June 11, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include the following number (RIN 3150-AI13) in the subject line of your comments. Comments on rulemakings submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available for public inspection. Because your comment will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including personal information such as social

security numbers and birth dates in your submission.

Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

E-mail comments to: SECY@nrc.gov. If you do not receive a reply e-mail confirming that we have received your comments, contact us directly at (301) 415-1966. You may also submit comments via the NRC's rulemaking Web site at <http://rulemaking.llnl.gov>. Address questions about our rulemaking Web site to Carol Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail cag@nrc.gov. Comments can also be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays [telephone (301) 415-1966].

Fax comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-1101.

Publicly available documents related to this rulemaking may be viewed electronically on the public computers at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Selected documents, including comments, can be viewed and downloaded electronically via the NRC rulemaking Web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>.

Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC after November 1, 1999, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. An electronic copy of the proposed CoC No. 1025, the proposed TS, and the preliminary safety evaluation report (SER) for Amendment 5 can be found under ADAMS Accession Nos. ML063520431, ML063520434, and ML063520440.

The proposed CoC No. 1025, the proposed TS, the preliminary SER for Amendment No. 5, and the environmental assessment are available for inspection at the NRC PDR, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD. Single copies of these documents may be obtained from Jayne M. McCausland,