



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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[Docket No. FSIS-2014-0024]

Revision of the Nutrition Facts Labels for Meat and Poultry Products and Updating Certain Reference Amounts Customarily Consumed

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule: extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the memorandum of January 20, 2017, to the heads of executive departments and agencies from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review," the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is extending by 30 days the public comment period for this proposed rule, which was published on January 19, 2017.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule published on January 19, 2017 (82 FR 7149) must be received on or before Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES:

We invite you to submit comments on this proposed rule 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. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.
- *Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.*: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163B, Washington, DC 20250-3700.
- *Hand- or Courier-Delivered Submittals*: Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-163B, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2014-0024. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Canavan, Deputy Director, Labeling and Program Delivery Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop Code 3784, Patriots Plaza 3, 8-161A, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; Telephone (301) 504-0879; Fax (202) 245-4792.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Consistent with the memorandum of January 20, 2017, to the heads of executive departments and agencies from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review," FSIS is extending by 30 days the public comment period of the proposed rule entitled "Revision of Nutrition Facts Labels for Meat and Poultry Products and Updating Certain References Amounts Customarily Consumed" that was published in the Federal Register on January 19, 2017, (82 FR 7149).

FSIS is proposing to amend the nutrition labeling requirements for meat (including fish of the order Siluriformes) and poultry products to better reflect the most recent scientific research and dietary recommendations, to improve the presentation of nutrition information to assist consumers in maintaining healthy dietary practices, and for consistency with recent regulatory changes finalized by the Food and Drug Administration.

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