



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

9 CFR Parts 101 through 118, 123, and 124

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No: USDA-2026-0298]

Modernization of Regulations Under 9 CFR Parts 101-118 and 123-124; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Request for Information; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the public comment period by 20 days on its Request for Information (RFI) to solicit the public's input on regulatory considerations related to 9 CFR parts 101-118, 123-124.

DATES: The comment period for the document originally published on September 11, 2026, (91 FR 57828) is extended 20 days. Comments must be submitted on or before November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: USDA invites public comments on this RFI and encourages stakeholders, including farmers, industry representatives, and state and local governments, to provide input. You may submit comments, identified by docket number USDA-2026-0298, in the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. All comments will be posted without change and will be publicly available on www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Poe, Office of the General Counsel, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1400, (202) 769-8247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An RFI published in the *Federal Register* on September 11, 2026 (91 FR 57828), seeks public feedback to gather information that would assist USDA in modernizing regulations in 9 CFR parts 101-118, 123-124.

The RFI established a 30-day comment period, ending October 13, 2026. During the initial comment period, USDA received public input asking for an extension. Additional time would allow for careful and thoughtful consideration on a multitude of subjects as USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Center for Veterinary Biologics seeks to modernize its veterinary biologics regulations under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act.

Accordingly, USDA is extending the comment period for the RFI by an additional 20 days. Comments must be submitted on or before November 2, 2026.

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