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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 319 and 381

[Docket No. 92-024E]

RIN 0583-AB51

Food Standards: Requirements for Processed Meat and Poultry Products Named by Use of an Expressed Nutrient Content Claim and a Standardized Term—Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule, "Food Standards: Requirements for Processed Meat and Poultry Products Named by Use of an Expressed Nutrient Content Claim and a Standardized Term" for an additional 90 days. This action responds to requests to allow additional time for comments.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent in triplicate to, Policy, Evaluation and Planning Office, Attn: FSIS Docket Clerk, DOCKET No. 92-024P, Room 4352, South Building, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250. Oral comments as provided by the Poultry Products Inspection Act should be directed to Mr. Charles R. Edwards, Director, Product Assessment Division, at (202) 254-2565.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles R. Edwards, Director, Product Assessment Division, Regulatory Programs, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 254-2565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 29, 1995, FSIS published the

proposed rule "Food Standards: Requirements for Processed Meat and Poultry Products Named by Use of an Expressed Nutrient Content Claim and a Standardized Term" (60 FR 67474). The rule proposes to establish a general definition and standard of identity for standardized meat and poultry food products that have been modified to qualify for use of certain expressed nutrient content claims as part of the product name. These products would be identified by a nutrient content claim, such as "fat free," in conjunction with an appropriate standardized product name, e.g., "fat free frankfurter." The general standard proposes to set requirements that would allow for modified versions of standardized meat and poultry food products, i.e., "substitute standardized products." These products would be formulated and processed with ingredients otherwise not in, or in amounts greater than that allowed by FSIS regulatory food standards in 9 CFR parts 319 and 381, subpart P.

FSIS reiterates that the standard of identity proposed would require that a modified meat or poultry product: (1) In general, possess performance characteristics that are similar to those of the product for which it substitutes, (2) contain the stipulated amount of a mandatory ingredient (e.g., meat or poultry) that is required to be in the traditional standardized food, and (3) is labeled to convey the allowed differences between the substitute and standardized product.

FSIS will be considering broader reform of its standards system that would provide firms greater flexibility in product formulation while fully informing consumers regarding the content of the product. As part of its overall standards reform strategy, FSIS is developing an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) that will ask questions and solicit information about alternative regulatory approaches to standards including revising or eliminating meat and poultry content requirements.

In the interest of receiving information pertaining to food standards, FSIS is extending the comment period for the proposed rule an additional 90 days. This action responds to requests to extend the comment period.

Done at Washington, DC, on: February 22, 1996.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 95-AEA-09]

Proposed Revocation of Class D Airspace and Class E4 Extensions; Plattsburgh AFB, NY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would revoke Class D airspace designated as a surface area for Plattsburgh Air Force Base, New York. The proposed rule would also include revocation of the Class E4 surface areas designated as an extension to Class D airspace. As a result of the Base Realignment and Closure program, this airport has eliminated all flight operations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the rule in triplicate to: Manager, System Management Branch, AEA-530, Docket No. 95-AEA-09, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430. The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, AEA-7, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the System Management Branch, AEA-530, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Francis T. Jordan, Jr., Airspace Specialist, System Management Branch, AEA-530, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430; telephone: (718) 553-4521.