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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 317 and 381

[Docket No. 98-014N]

Nutrition Labeling; Health Claims on Meat and Poultry Products

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is withdrawing its proposed rule, "Nutrition Labeling; Health Claims on Meat and Poultry Products," published in the **Federal Register** on May 25, 1994 (59 FR 27144). The rule proposed to amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations by proposing requirements for permitting the use of health claims on the labeling of meat and poultry products that characterize the relationship of a substance (food or food component) to a disease or health-related condition. The rule also proposed regulations establishing a labeling application process for such health claims. FSIS' proposal (Docket No. 93-002P) has become obsolete because of changes made by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in its original final rule and in its subsequent rulemaking on health claims. Therefore, FSIS intends to propose a more comprehensive document on health claims regulations for meat and poultry products that will parallel those regulations issued by FDA for other foods.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 98-014N, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Any comments received will be available for public inspection in the Docket Room from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Hudnall, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of Policy, Program Development, and Evaluation, at (202) 205-0495; FAX (202) 401-1760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency's final rule on health claims on meat and poultry products would have authorized health claims related to the characterization of the relationship of a substance to a disease or health-related condition on product labeling. FSIS' proposed rule paralleled FDA's original final rule on health claims that was issued on January 6, 1993 (58 FR 2478). However, three subsequent rulemakings by FDA on additional health claims for substances such as oat bran and psyllium have made FSIS' proposed rule and its pending final rule obsolete. Under provisions of recent legislation establishing new procedures for health claims, FDA is expected to continue authorizing health claims for additional substances on an incremental basis.

With this notice, FSIS is officially withdrawing its proposed rule (Docket No. 93-002P) of May 25, 1994, and will later publish a new proposed rule to authorize health claims for meat and poultry products that is parallel to the extent possible with FDA's. FSIS also is prepared to consider future rulemaking on health claims for additional substances when it becomes necessary to do so.

If needed, FSIS will publish another notice addressing any comments received on this notice.

Done at Washington, DC, on April 15, 1998.

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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-NM-50-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, and -500 series airplanes. This proposal would require installation of components for the suppression of electrical transients, and/or installation of components to provide shielding and separation to the fuel system wiring that is routed to the fuel tanks from adjacent wiring. The proposal also would require installation of flame arrestors and pressure relief valves in the fuel vent system. This proposal is prompted by testing results, obtained in support of an accident investigation, and by re-examination of possible causes of a similar accident. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent possible ignition of fuel vapors in the fuel tanks, and external ignition of the fuel vapor exiting the fuel vent system and consequent propagation of a flame front into the fuel tanks.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-NM-50-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Hartonas, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130S, telephone (425) 227-2864; or Dorr Anderson, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Branch, ANM-140S, telephone (425) 227-2684; FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; fax (425) 227-1181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address