

**FSIS Oversight of HACCP***A. Changing the Relationship Between FSIS and Inspected Plants**B. FSIS Inspection Under HACCP*

- Focus on industry's process control system and other systems such as standard operating procedures (SOP's) for sanitation
- Focus on government safety standards

*C. Ensuring Compliance With HACCP Requirements*

- FSIS and plant accountability
- Enforcement
- Appeal process
- Public access to HACCP records
- Whistleblower protection for FSIS and plant employees

**Changing Role of Inspectors Under HACCP**

- Focus on industry process control and other systems
- Changing inspection tasks related to product and production to focus on safety
- Inspection outside plants
- Training of inspectors for new roles

September 14

**Regulatory Shift to Performance Standards—"Layering"***A. Eliminating Unnecessary and Redundant Regulations and Prior Approval Requirements to Increase Industry's Ability to Innovate to Improve Food Safety**B. Specific Changes Needed for Bringing FSIS Requirements Into Harmony With HACCP**C. FSIS Role in Facilitating Development of HACCP Plans*

- Model plans
- Guidance
- Pilot demonstrations in small plants

September 15

**Performance Standards and Microbial Testing***A. Establishing Performance Standards*

- Scientific and policy basis for establishing targets
  - Whether *Salmonella* is the appropriate organism for some or all species
  - Whether other pathogens would be preferable for some or all species
  - Utility of targets for *E. coli* or other non-pathogenic indicator organisms as a means of controlling and reducing pathogenic microorganisms
  - Advantages and disadvantages of targets based on the incidence of detectable contamination (as proposed by FSIS) vs. targets based on the number of organisms present

- Need for pathogen reduction targets for raw ground products in general, and in plants that both slaughter animals and produce ground product

*B. Measuring Achievement*

- Purpose of testing (verifying process control adequate to achieve target consistently over time vs. enforcement of lot release criterion)

- Frequency of testing

- Who should test (the plant, FSIS, third-party laboratories, or a combination of the three); who should pay

- Laboratory accreditation

September 27

**Carcass Cooling Standards for Red Meat and Poultry***A. Feasibility of Proposal**B. Alternatives, Including Performance Standards***Antimicrobial Treatments in Slaughter Plants***A. Should Antimicrobial Treatments be Mandated**B. Alternatives**C. FSIS Role in Specifying Efficacy Standards**D. FSIS Role in Approving Substances/Processes**E. International Considerations***Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's)***A. How SOP's Relate to HACCP**B. Alternatives**C. Need for FSIS Sanitation Guidelines**D. Clarification of Acceptable Format, Records**E. Implications of SOPs for FSIS Inspectors in Daily Commencement of Plant Operations**F. Enforcement*

September 28

**Specific Economic and Product Considerations***A. General Economic Impact**B. Minimizing Economic Impact Without Compromising Food Safety Goals**C. Taking Account of Impacts on Small Business*

- Definition of small business
- Options to minimize impact and assist small business
- Implementation schedule

*D. Taking Account of Impacts on Religious and Ethnic Slaughter and Processing Practices*

September 29

**Remaining Issues and Review***A. International Considerations*

- Export issues
- Import issues

*B. Incentive-Based Alternatives, Such as Marketing Claims on Labels**C. Animal Producer Considerations**D. Any Issues That Need Further Discussion**E. Summary*

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**Nuclear Safety Management and Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of limited reopening of comment periods.

**SUMMARY:** On December 9, 1991, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to add regulations establishing a body of rules for DOE contractor and subcontractor activities to ensure safe operation of DOE's nuclear facilities. On March 25, 1993, DOE published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to add regulations establishing standards for the protection of the public and the environment against radiation from DOE activities. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the comment periods in these two rulemakings for 30 days in order to solicit comments on options now being considered in light of (1) public comments received during the initial comment periods, (2) comments received from the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), and (3) comments raised in connection with Departmental initiatives concerning the management of the DOE complex. This notice also announces the availability of current draft language for these regulations, as well as a draft discussion