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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2024–2025]

Availability of Revised Food Safety Guideline for Egg Products

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: FSIS is announcing the availability of its revised Food Safety Guideline for Egg Products. The guideline contains information to assist plants producing egg products that undergo pasteurization, heat treatment, cooling, freezing, or enzyme-modification in complying with FSIS regulatory requirements. FSIS updated the guideline to address questions it received after publishing the previous version and to include additional scientific information.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 6, 2026.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on the guideline. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

- *Hand- or Courier-Delivered Submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350–E, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2024–0026. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 286–2255 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

A downloadable version of the guideline is available at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/fsis-guidelines>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: April Regonlinski, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, USDA; Telephone: (202) 205–0495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 29, 2020, FSIS published the final rule “Egg Products Inspection Regulations” (85 FR 68640). Among other things, the final rule required official egg products plants to comply with sanitation and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) requirements in 9 CFR parts 416 and 417. Anticipating that egg products plants might need assistance in complying with the new rule and its requirements, FSIS developed and published the “Food Safety Guideline for Egg Products” on September 9, 2020 (85 FR 68640).

FSIS has made the following changes to the guideline to address questions it received after publishing the previous version and to include additional scientific information:

- Included guidance on plant support for sanitation standard operating procedures (sanitation SOPs), including less-than-daily (LTD) sanitation;
- Added *Bacillus cereus* as an example of a potential hazard in egg products that undergo enzyme modification;
- Included a section on cooking egg products in lieu of pasteurization;
- Revised language, structure, and formatting to improve readability.

The revised guideline represents FSIS’ current thinking on these topics and should be considered usable as of

its issuance. The guideline does not create any new legal requirements or have the force and effect of law. It is only intended to provide clarity regarding existing regulations.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>. FSIS also will make copies of this publication available through the FSIS *Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Constituent Update* is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Equal Opportunity Program Delivery Compliance Review Tool

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service (Agency) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection, *Equal Opportunity Program Delivery Compliance Review Tool*.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before July 6, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Civil Rights, Mail Stop 1142, Forest Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1142.

Comments also may be submitted by email to SM.FS.WOCivilRight@usda.gov.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments

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The public may request that an electronic copy of the supporting documents for the information collection and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to SM.FS.WOCivilRight@usda.gov. The information collection request is posted online at <https://www.regulations.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Davina Diaz, Civil Rights, by phone at 520-388-8419 or by email at davina.diaz@usda.gov. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service then provide the phone number of the person named as a point of contact for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Equal Opportunity Program Delivery Compliance Review Tool.

OMB Number: 0596-0215.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2026.

Type of Review: Extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract

All Federal agencies must comply with equal opportunity laws:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- Executive orders to advance equal opportunity, nondiscrimination, and meritocracy in the delivery of all programs and services to the public.

Federal agencies and entities receiving Federal Financial Assistance are prohibited from discriminating. Federal Financial Assistance is defined as, "Federal monies given by grants, cooperative agreements, commercial special use permits, training, loan/temporary assignment of federal personnel, loan/use of Federal property at below market value."

The Equal Opportunity (E.O.) laws require agencies to conduct compliance reviews to ensure that entities receiving Federal Financial Assistance from the government are adhering to the nondiscrimination statutes. The statutes require that prior to awarding support or issuing permits, the Federal government shall conduct pre-award reviews to ensure that potential recipients understand their responsibilities to provide services equitable pursuant to the law. Thereafter, during the partnership with the agency, ongoing monitoring will take place to ensure that public is served without any barriers or discrimination.

Forest Service employees will use FS-1700-6A, Equal Opportunity Compliance Review Record, to document shared non-discrimination obligations and collect information regarding actions taken by recipients of Federal financial assistance to ensure the public receives services without discrimination or barriers to access. Optional form B documents that recipients' employees understand their customer service role and optional form C is for customers' awareness of their rights of non-discrimination.

Collection form FS-1700-6A, Equal Opportunity Compliance Review Record, will occur during face-to-face meetings or telephone interviews conducted by a Forest Service employee as part of the pre-award and post-award process. The pre-award interview will take place prior to the signing of a cooperative agreement, domestic grant, commercial special use permit award or similar where a non-discrimination clause appears in the agreement. The post award interview will take place either on a five (5) or 10-year basis as instructed in Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1709.11, Chapter 70 or upon report/discovery of discrimination.

Only general statistical information will be summarized and shared in the Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of Justice (DOJ) annual report. However, if a report or discovery of a discrimination complaint is identified then it will be reported to the USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

Monitoring reviews have been a responsibility of the Federal government since 1964 and continue to be an obligatory activity as outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations 42.401-415 and 7 Code of Federal Regulation 15.5. Without the ability to monitor recipients of Federal financial assistance, the Forest Service would not be able to ensure compliance with the civil rights laws, statutes, and current Executive Orders (E.O.). The Agency would not be