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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 6 March 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

#### Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection

In response to requests from industry and consumer groups, FSIS is extending the comment period by 30 days for the Federal Register proposed rule, "Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection" (83 FR 4780, 1 February 2018). The original deadline to submit comments was 2 April 2018; the new deadline to submit comments is 2 May 2018.

As FSIS explained in the proposed rule, FSIS has proposed to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations to establish a new inspection system for market hog slaughter establishments that provides public health protection at least equivalent to the existing inspection system. Market hog slaughter establishments that do not choose to operate under the new swine inspection system may continue to operate under their existing inspection system. The Agency also proposed several changes to the regulations that would affect all establishments that slaughter swine, regardless of the inspection system under which they operate or the age, size, or class of swine. These proposed changes would allow all swine slaughter establishments to develop sampling plans that are more tailored to their specific operations and thus be more effective in monitoring their specific process control. These proposed changes also would ensure that before the start of slaughter operations, food-contact surfaces are sanitary and free of enteric pathogens.

The proposed rule can be found at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/c17775a2-fd1f4c11-b9d2-5992741b0e94/2016-0017.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>. Comments on the rule may be submitted online via the Federal eRulemaking Portal, available at <http://www.regulations.gov>; by mail sent to Docket Clerk, US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza III, Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, D.C. 20250-3700; or by hand or courier delivery to Patriots Plaza III, 355 E St. SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, D.C. 20250-3700. All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2016-0017.

[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/USA/18\\_1230\\_00\\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/USA/18_1230_00_e.pdf)  
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#### **This addendum concerns a:**

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

**Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)**

Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 May 2018

**Agency or authority designated to handle comments:  National Notification Authority,  National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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