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Food Safety
and Inspection
Service

Washington, D.C.
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Mr. Barry Carpenter, CEO
National Meat Association
1970 Broadway, Suite 825
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition submitted by the National Meat Association dated April 10, 2012, requesting that the Agency revise its policy on the marking of display caddies containing meat or poultry products. Under the existing policy, caddies or display cards used to display fully labeled products may not bear an inspection legend and, therefore, are permitted to be reused. The petition requests that FSIS amend or clarify this policy to allow such caddies to bear the mark of inspection while on display in retail facilities for sale to consumers.

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change under FSIS's petition regulations (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the FSIS Office of Policy and Program Development for review and has been assigned petition number 12-03. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS Website at:
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/Petitions/index.asp.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Policy Issuances Division, at (202) 720-5625 if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Williams
Director
Policy Issuances Division
Office of Policy and Program Development