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Dear Dr. Peterson:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the letter you submitted on behalf of the National Chicken Council (NCC) dated February 25, 2022. The letter supplements the NCC's 2016 petition requesting that the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) adopt regulations establishing labeling requirements for not-ready-to-eat (NRTE) stuffed chicken breast products that may appear ready-to-eat (RTE) and to issue a Compliance Guideline for developing and communicating validated cooking instructions for such products. As noted in your letter, the supplement updates the 2016 petition to reflect updates in collective understanding of these products. The letter also requests that the information presented in the supplement be read cumulatively with NCC's 2016 petition, except that the requested language amending FSIS' regulations identified in the 2016 petition should be replaced with the language provided in your supplemental letter.

Your 2016 petition was referred to the FSIS Office of Policy and Program Development for review and was assigned petition number 16-03. OPPD will consider the information provided in the supplement as part of its petition review.

As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition and the supporting documentation were posted on the FSIS website at:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register/petitions/establish-labeling-requirements-not-ready-eat-stuffed-chicken-products>

We will post your petition supplement to the FSIS website along with the petition and other related media.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Regulations Development Staff at mary.porrette@usda.gov if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Melissa Hammar", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Melissa Hammar, Acting Director
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