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Dear Mr. Jon Isleifsson:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition you submitted on behalf of TopIceland.com on November 4, 2022. The petition requests that FSIS clarify that the regulations in 9 CFR 327.16, which prescribe requirements for the importation of small amounts meat products for the importer's personal consumption, apply to meat products purchased over the internet. The petition states that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) defines a product for personal importation as a product not for further sale or distribution into U.S. commerce, and that the products may be carried in baggage or shipped by courier or international mail. According to the petition, like FDA, FSIS should not distinguish between mode of delivery for purposes of importation of products for personal consumption.

Your request is being considered as a petition for rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(e)), USDA's administrative regulations (7 CFR 1.28), and FSIS' regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development for review and has been assigned petition number 22-05. 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:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/petitions>

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Hammar". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Melissa Hammar
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