



United States Department of Agriculture

Food Safety and
Inspection Service
1400 Independence
Avenue, SW,
Washington, D.C.
20250

Mr. Benjamin Michael
The Russell County Butchery

September 11, 2024

Dear Mr. Michael:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition submitted by The Russell County Butchery on September 5, 2024. The petition requests that FSIS change the *Guidance for Determining Whether a Poultry Slaughter or Processing Operation is Exempt from Inspection Requirements of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA)* to allow small and very small establishments to operate under the custom, small enterprise, and retail exemptions simultaneously if operations are conducted using sanitary methods and there is time and space between inspected and exempted operations.

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change under 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 24-04. 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, which appears to read "Melissa Hammar", is positioned above the typed name.

Melissa Hammar
Director
Regulations Development Staff