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Dear Dr. Yundong Chi-Zhang:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received your petition dated April 16, 2025, requesting revisions to the [Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book](#) entry for “soujouk,” a traditional Turkish sausage. Specifically, your petition asks FSIS to permit the production of both fermented and heat-treated varieties of soujouk using modern processing methods that align with current Turkish standards.

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 25-01. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will posted on the FSIS website at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/petitions>.

You may contact Joshua Ayers, Petitions Manager, Regulations Development Staff at JoshuaB.Ayers@usda.gov if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Hammar".

Melissa Hammar  
Director  
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