



JAN 29 2013

Ms. Carmen Darland
Maple Leaf Farms/Milford Valley Chicken
101 E. Church Street
Leesburg, IN 46538

Dear Ms. Darland:

The letter submitted to your Congressional representatives on behalf of Maple Leaf Farms dated December 20, 2012, has been forwarded to USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The letter requests that FSIS amend the "Chicken Cordon Bleu" standard of identify entry in its *Food Standards and Labeling Policy Handbook*. According to your letter, such a change is needed because the public understanding of what constitutes a "Chicken Cordon Bleu" product has changed over the years, and the current definition is being improperly applied.

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 13-01. 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) 720-5627 if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Williams
Director
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Office of Policy and Program Development