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Mr. Michael J. Brown
President
National Chicken Council
1152 Fifteenth Street, NW, Suite 430
Washington, DC, 20005

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the letter dated May 8, 2018, that you submitted on behalf of the National Chicken Council (NCC). The letter requests that FSIS coordinate with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to exercise enforcement discretion to allow surplus broiler eggs to be processed into egg products under FSIS jurisdiction. Specifically, NCC requests that FSIS and FDA work together to exempt surplus broiler hatching eggs intended for breaking from the refrigeration requirements in 21 CFR 118.4(e) and instead rely on FSIS's existing processing requirements for egg products processing establishments, or, if finalized, FSIS's proposed egg products HACCP regulations, to control for *Salmonella*.

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 18-06. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition and the supporting documentation will be posted on the FSIS Website at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/petitions>.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Issuances Staff, at (202) 720-5627 if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

for Matthew Michael
Director
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Office of Policy and Program Development

