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Dear Mr. Hibbert:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition dated July 22, 2019, that you submitted on behalf of the National Bison Association (NBA). The petition requests that FSIS amend 9 CFR 412.2 to allow for the generic approval of labels of products that receive voluntary FSIS inspection (e.g., exotic species under 9 CFR part 352). You also request that FSIS implement this change through a direct final rule.

Your request is being considered as a petition for rulemaking 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 19-02. 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,

Melissa Hammar
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