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Food Safety and
Inspection Service

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Washington, D.C.
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Mr. C. Dixon Lee, III
317 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Lee:

Your August 17, 2017, letter to President Trump requesting elimination of the "dual declaration" net weight labeling regulation at 9 CFR 317.2(h)(5) has been forwarded to the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The regulation requires that packages containing between one and four pounds of a meat product be labeled in both pounds and ounces.

Your request is being considered as a rulemaking petition under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(e)), USDA's administrative regulations (7 CFR 1.28), and FSIS's regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development for review, and it has been assigned petition number 17-07. 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/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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Michael".

Matthew Michael
Director
Issuances Staff
Office of Policy and Program Development