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Dear Mr. Knabe:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has completed its review of Zatarain's August 23, 2013, petition requesting that FSIS revise the Jambalaya entry in its Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book (Policy Book) to remove the requirement that Jambalaya contain 25% cooked ham and revise the references to tomatoes and rice. The petition specifically requests that FSIS revise the Jambalaya standards entry to read as follows:

"Jambalaya:

A Louisiana-style rice-based dish involving spices and seasoning, which may contain tomatoes. Product can contain meat, seafood, and/or vegetables such as sausage, chicken, ham, pork, shrimp, or bell peppers. It must be comprised of at least 50% rice. Labeling must show true product name, e.g., -- Ham and Shrimp Jambalaya."

Instead of revising the Jambalaya entry, FSIS has decided to remove it from the Policy Book. For a product to be labeled as Jambalaya, it will need to contain amenable levels of meat or poultry and the label must include a common or usual name (e.g., Chicken and Shrimp Jambalaya). FSIS has made this decision because, as the petition notes, there are several variations and styles of Jambalaya in the marketplace, which make it difficult to have one single standard for the dish. Removing the Jambalaya entry from FSIS's Policy Book will better accommodate variations in products identified as Jambalaya. FSIS will announce this change in an upcoming *Constituent Update*.

In accordance with FSIS regulations, Zatarain's petition was posted on the FSIS website, and the Agency intends to post this response as well. If you have any additional questions, you may contact Rosalyn Murphy-Jenkins, Labeling and Program Delivery Staff, at (301) 504-0878.

Sincerely,

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