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Mr. Shawn K. Stevens
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Dear Mr. Stevens:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received your May 15, 2018, petition requesting that FSIS amend 9 CFR part 355 to add freeze dried and frozen pet food and pet treats to the pet food products eligible for USDA certification. The petition also requests that FSIS amend 9 CFR part 355 to add USDA inspected and passed rabbit to the list of permissible ingredients for USDA certified pet food and to authorize establishment that produce certified pet food to use generically approved labels.

Your request is being considered as a petition for rulemaking 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 has been assigned petition number 18-03. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be posted on the FSIS Website at:
<https://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