

White, Ralene

From: nicholswarren@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:09 PM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: Message from Internet User - Draft HACCP guideline changes

I oppose these changes. I consume meat from community based processing facilities and not mega-operations. Please draft separate common sense regulations that keep small processing facilities open and creating jobs.

**Warren Nichols
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White, Ralene

From: dianne.lior@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: Message from Internet User - HACCP

I urge you not to pass any legislation that threatens the small plants providing locally raised, pasture fed and humanely slaughtered meats. I, for one, do not want to support the corporations involved in factory farming, nor do I want to consume their products. I believe it is crucial to ensure that the public has a choice.

**Thank you,
Dianne Lior**

White, Ralene

From: bluestemfarms@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 9:42 AM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: Message from Internet User - food safety

I am very much in favor of whatever can be done to improve the food safety policies in large factory farms, where a hands on daily observation close connection between owner and product is not established. **HOWEVER**, I am concerned that the regulations meant to insure safety from the practices of corporate farming will send the small family farmer into bankruptcy. The superb food safety record of the small farmer is so well-documented, that i would hope lawmakers would see that they are not the culprit and should not be punished for the sins of the larger and often less careful factory conglomerates. Small farms which sell less than \$100,000 dollars a year or whatever seems fair should be exempt.

White, Ralene

From: Sara Cowgill [nahikurain@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 8:13 PM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: what?? Chinese meat is better??

I am a small farmer, a small business owner and these regulations would ruin me just like regulations ruined my grandfathers' diary decades ago-- what do you want?? chinese meat?? give us the courtesy to live as farmers in America.

I don't want these regulations and i don't think they will help anyone except import companies and futures buyers, who may be in bed with you

I want to be nice, so be nice

Sara Cowgill
WV

White, Ralene

From: Joe Horn [joejhorn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 3:58 PM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: New Meat Safety Laws

As a restaurant owner who buys sustainably raised meats from small producers I'm concerned that the proposed validation regulations out of the Food Safety and Inspection Service will be costly for small meat processors, forcing them to increase prices for slaughter and processing, or worse, go out of business.

Please rethink these new rules; they don't increase food safety and sure don't help local food systems or family farmers.

Regards,

**Joe Horn
Dish Cafe and Catering
Reno, NV**

Riley, Mary

From: Allyson Pollard [allypollard@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2010 10:02 AM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: FSIS new meat testing regulations for small food processors

My name is Allyson Pollard, I have been buying my meat from Mountain Run Farm in Sedela, VA for the past 3 years. Mountain Run is a family run farm that raises and sells their meats directly to their customers. I feel safe buying my meat straight from Ben Coleman at Mountain Run Farm. I visit the farm with my family and have been able to ask any question I have, about the meat my family consumes, directly to the farmer who raised the animals. This is a value I hold very near and dear to my heart. I depend on Mountain Run Farm and other small family run farms as my source for safe natural raised meat. I truly believe that the safest food is grown and raised in backyards and on family farms. We need to be supporting these REAL family farms not hindering them with more government regulation.

Allyson Pollard
Forest, VA

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From: Charles Wolf [fineartdealer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 8:49 PM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: FSIS Guidelines

I am writing to voice our great displeasure at the idea of further regulating small family farmers in America. I have several issues with the FSIS to begin with, but the meat testing regulations which are going to reduce the amount of family farms in this country, and limit consumer choices are out of bounds.

Rhodes, Suzette

From: Clyde Heggedahl [nerstrandmeats@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 9:20 AM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: New HACCP Guidelines

As a small company that has been in buisness for 120 years, we are already struggling finacially. I think this is a very bad idea that would hit us very hard.

Thanks Nerstrand Meats And Catering

White, Ralene

From: awemerald@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 1:13 AM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: Message from Internet User - small scale meat production

Please do not pass laws to require extensive and unnecessary testing of small scale slaughterhouses! Consumers have the right to purchase humanely raised meat.

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From: jwoverbey@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 11:31 PM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: Message from Internet User - USDA Slaughterhouse rules

I purchase locally raised, grass-fed beef which has been processed at a small local slaughterhouse. This is not the same business as a large slaughterhouse servicing the large cattle agribusiness and should not be subject to the same requirements. I am not advocating that you simply relieve them of the obligation to maintain clean premises, but I am advocating that you have regulations that fit the circumstances. This is an area of business that has been growing in recent years. In todays economy, it is madness to insist on "one-size-fits-all" regulations that will drive these small, valuable businesses out. You will destroy the local, grass-fed movement. Is that your intent????

White, Ralene

From: tylerkumakura@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 2:09 AM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: Message from Internet User - Proposed changes to HACCP

To Whom it May Concern:

Although I understand the desire to promote food safety, I would like to express my strong displeasure at the changes that are being proposed to the terms of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point to further encumber small-scale slaughterhouses with unnecessary testing. The increased costs that would be involved with this program expansion will burden these smaller-scale operations and drive many out of business. This change will endanger local economies and business-owners, while doing little to provide any substantial benefit since the vast majority of contamination takes place in the large commercial operations anyway. Thank you for your consideration of my request. I agree that testing is important, but I do not believe that a one-size-fits-all approach to testing is reasonable in this case.

Thank you,

Tyler

White, Ralene

From: anncpatterson@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 11:25 PM
To: Draft Validation Guide Comments
Subject: Message from Internet User - Small Scale Slaughter Houses-Exactly Who are you Protecting?

In my view, the entire food chain is a poisonous disaster here in America because of rules implemented or selectively implemented by our government. Why has there been no long term studies of the impact of GMO seeds, why arent foods containing GMO ingredients required to be labeled as such, and why has Monsanto a monopoly if there ever was one been able to completely monopolize and "patent??" seeds? Why are we permitting, in fact requiring, zillions of pounds of petroleum based poisons into our food, our earth our water? Why are wide scale antibiotics and inhuman inanimal practices used to mass produce and slaughter the animals in our food supply? Why is it illegal to sell raw milk? Why???? The government has influenced and regulated and accepted special favors aspartame? to the absolute criminal detriment of our people. What gives you all the confidence that you should further insert yourselves? and do so into the one part of the food supply that is doing Gods work instead of mindless, heartless, greed driven work? Look around you. Everyone is on drugs indefinitely...because of the "food" sold in our super markets. This is no secret. It is truly criminal...even worse, done behind a deceptive front that promises the American public that the government is taking care of them. Yeah. All the way to the grave...dug in dead soil. Stop making it more difficult and more costly to produce clean, safe, drug free, non-GMO food.