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Ms. Patricia Buck
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Dear Ms. Buck:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition submitted by you on behalf of the Safe Food Coalition (SFC) dated May 31, 2016. The petition requests that FSIS initiate rulemaking to revise the regulations that prescribe mandatory safe food handling instruction (SHI) labeling for raw and partially cooked meat and poultry products. The petition also requests that FSIS add requirements for a SHI label for all raw or partially cooked *Siluriformes* fish products. The petition specifically requests that FSIS take the following actions:

- Revise the SHI label to prominently display specific information about internal end-point cooking temperatures and thermometer use;
- Require that raw and partially cooked *Siluriformes* fish products bear SHI in their labeling;
- Revise the SHI label to include the “Check Your Steps” logo that identifies the four core safe handling practices—clean, cook, separate, and chill;
- Require that SHI labels be positioned in a manner to ensure the label’s readability.

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 16-04.

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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 cursive script that reads "Charles E. Williams".

Charles E. Williams

Director

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