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Ms. Caroline Gray
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82 First St.
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Dear Ms. Gray:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the letter submitted by you on behalf of Zatarain's dated August 23, 2013. The letter requests that FSIS revise the Jambalaya entry in its Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book to remove the requirement that Jambalaya contain 25% cooked ham and revise the reference to tomatoes. You specifically request that we 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."

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change under FSIS's petition regulations (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 13-04. 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,

Charles E. Williams
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