

§8(1), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4588, which required the Secretary of Agriculture to report annually to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate on the slaughter of poultry and the processing and distribution of poultry parts and products, terminated, effective May 15, 2000, pursuant to section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance. See, also, page 46 of House Document No. 103-7.

§ 471. Safe Meat and Poultry Inspection Panel

(a) Review and evaluation

The advisory panel known as the “Safe Meat and Poultry Inspection Panel” established by section 679a of this title shall review and evaluate, as the panel considers necessary, the adequacy, necessity, safety, cost-effectiveness, and scientific merit of—

- (1) inspection procedures of, and work rules and worker relations involving Federal employees employed in, plants inspected under this chapter;
- (2) informal petitions or proposals for changes in inspection procedures, processes, and techniques of plants inspected under this chapter;
- (3) formal changes in poultry inspection regulations promulgated under this chapter, whether in notice, proposed, or final form; and
- (4) such other matters as may be referred to the panel by the Secretary regarding the quality or effectiveness of a safe and cost-effective poultry inspection system under this chapter.

(b) Reports

(1) In general

The Safe Meat and Poultry Inspection Panel shall submit to the Secretary a report on the results of each review and evaluation carried out under paragraph (1), including such recommendations as the panel considers appropriate.

(2) Reports on formal changes

In the case of a report concerning a formal change in poultry inspection regulations, the report shall be made within the time limits prescribed for formal comments on such changes.

(Pub. L. 85-172, §30, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, §918(a)(2), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1190.)

§ 472. Interstate shipment of poultry inspected by Federal and State agencies for certain small establishments

(a) Definitions

(1) Appropriate State agency

The term “appropriate State agency” means a State agency described in section 454(a)(1) of this title.

(2) Designated personnel

The term “designated personnel” means inspection personnel of a State agency that have undergone all necessary inspection training and certification to assist the Secretary in the administration and enforcement of this chapter, including rules and regulations issued under this chapter.

(3) Eligible establishment

The term “eligible establishment” means an establishment that is in compliance with—

(A) the State inspection program of the State in which the establishment is located; and

(B) this chapter, including rules and regulations issued under this chapter.

(4) Poultry item

The term “poultry item” means—

- (A) a portion of poultry; and
- (B) a poultry product.

(5) Selected establishment

The term “selected establishment” means an eligible establishment that is selected by the Secretary, in coordination with the appropriate State agency of the State in which the eligible establishment is located, under subsection (b) to ship poultry items in interstate commerce.

(b) Authority of Secretary to allow shipments

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary, in coordination with the appropriate State agency of the State in which an establishment is located, may select the establishment to ship poultry items in interstate commerce, and place on each poultry item shipped in interstate commerce a Federal mark, stamp, tag, or label of inspection, if—

- (A) the poultry item qualifies for the Federal mark, stamp, tag, or label of inspection under the requirements of this chapter;
- (B) the establishment is an eligible establishment; and
- (C) inspection services for the establishment are provided by designated personnel.

(2) Prohibited establishments

In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary, in coordination with an appropriate State agency, shall not select an establishment that—

- (A) on average, employs more than 25 employees (including supervisory and non-supervisory employees), as defined by the Secretary;
- (B) as of the date of the enactment of this section, ships in interstate commerce carcasses, portions of carcasses, or poultry items that are inspected by the Secretary in accordance with this chapter;
 - (C)(i) is a Federal establishment;
 - (ii) was a Federal establishment as of the date of the enactment of this section, and was reorganized on a later date under the same name or a different name or person by the person, firm, or corporation that controlled the establishment as of the date of the enactment of this section; or
 - (iii) was a State establishment as of the date of the enactment of this section that—
 - (I) as of the date of the enactment of this section, employed more than 25 employees; and
 - (II) was reorganized on a later date by the person, firm, or corporation that controlled the establishment as of the date of the enactment of this section;
- (D) is in violation of this chapter;
- (E) is located in a State that does not have a State inspection program; or