TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 37. FOOD SAFETY

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 3. Meat Inspection [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5 Poultry Products Inspection [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7 Construction Standards for Meat Packing Plants [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments update citations to the Code of Federal Regulations and revise construction standards for meat packing plants by updating contact information, reducing paperwork submitted during the approval process, making minor grammatical corrections, and deleting unnecessary or outdated regulations.

AUTHORITY:

Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31; State Board of Agriculture; 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2); 2 O.S. 6-181 et seq.; and 2 O.S. § 6-251 et seq.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit written comments to Bennett Abbott at bennett.abbott@ag.ok.gov, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, P.O. Box 528804, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-8804 during the period beginning December 1, 2016 and ending January 5, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m., January 5, 2017 in the ODAFF Board Room, located at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Bennett Abbott at the address listed above during the period beginning December 1, 2016 and ending January 5, 2017.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained by visiting www.ag.ok.gov/proposedrules or by contacting Bennett Abbott at the address listed above.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement is available at the address listed above.

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