

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

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

- (A) **PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**
The proposed rule 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paperwork submitted during the approval process, making minor grammatical corrections, and deleting unnecessary or outdated regulations.
- (B) **CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:**
The proposed rule amendments affect persons regulated by the Department's Food Safety program. No cost impacts have been received.
- (C) **PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:**
Persons relying on current citations for the Department's Food Safety program will benefit from the proposed rule amendments. Persons constructing meat-packing plants will benefit from the proposed rule amendments.
- (D) **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:**
Persons relying on the Department's Food Safety program will be provided with current legal citations. Persons constructing meat-packing plants will be permitted more flexibility in the design of safe and efficient meat packing plants.
- (E) **PROBABLE COST AND BENEFITS TO AGENCY; SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**
No additional cost to the Department is anticipated by the proposed rule amendments.
- (F) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:**
No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the proposed rule amendments.
- (G) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:**
The proposed rule amendments will have no adverse effect on small business.

(H) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

The Department is unaware of any non-regulatory methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule amendments.

(I) **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The proposed rule amendments will not detrimentally affect the public health, safety, and environment.

(J) **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The Department is not aware of any detrimental effect the proposed rules will have on public health, safety, and environment.

(K) **DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:**

This rule impact statement was prepared on October 17, 2016.