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**Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Rural Housing Service (RHS)**

Final Rule Stage

**35. GUARANTEED SINGLE-FAMILY
HOUSING**

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 7 USC
1989; 42 USC 1480

Abstract: The Guaranteed Single-Family Housing program will provide better clarity and consistency within the program. The action is taken to update the regulations to current mortgage industry standards and

provide more guidance on program oversight and monitoring.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/15/99	64 FR 70124
NPRM Comment Period End	02/14/00	
Final Action	01/00/09	

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**Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Rural Housing Service (RHS)**

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36. THERMAL REQUIREMENTS

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 7 USC
1989; 42 USC 1480

Abstract: The current Agency procedure, section 1924.6 (a)(3)(i)(A), requires that surety be provided when the construction contract exceeds \$100,000. This Procedure Notice changes the surety requirements in 1924-A [section 1924.6 (a)(3)(i)(A)] from a \$100,000 contract amount to the Rural Development Single-Family

Housing area lending limits, which will vary with the locality. This will liberalize the requirement for surety and take into account the increase in construction cost of single-family homes in the Rural Development's Single-Family Housing Program since the last revision (1980) to this section of the regulation. This should ease the burden on small contractors for whom obtaining surety is difficult and expensive, additionally reducing costs to our single-family housing borrowers.

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**Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)**

Final Rule Stage

**37. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR
THE PRODUCTION OF PROCESSED
MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS;
CONTROL OF LISTERIA
MONOCYTOGENES IN
READY-TO-EAT MEAT AND
POULTRY PRODUCTS**

Legal Authority: 21 USC 451 et seq;
21 USC 601 et seq

Abstract: FSIS has proposed to establish pathogen reduction performance standards for all ready-to-eat (RTE) and partially heat-treated meat and poultry products, and measures, including testing, to control Listeria monocytogenes in RTE products. The performance standards spell out the objective level of pathogen

reduction that establishments must meet during their operations in order to produce safe products but allow the use of customized, plant-specific processing procedures other than those prescribed in the earlier regulations. With HACCP, food safety performance standards give establishments the incentive and flexibility to adopt innovative, science-based food safety processing procedures and controls, while providing objective, measurable standards that can be verified by Agency inspectional oversight. This set of performance standards will include and be consistent with standards already in place for certain ready-to-eat meat and poultry products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/27/01	66 FR 12590
NPRM Comment Period End	05/29/01	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	07/03/01	66 FR 35112
NPRM Comment Period End	09/10/01	
Interim Final Rule	06/06/03	68 FR 34208
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/06/03	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	01/31/05	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	03/24/05	70 FR 15017

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Final Rule Stage

NPRM Comment 05/09/05
 Period End
 Affirmation of Interim 12/00/08
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**Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 Office of the Secretary (AgSEC)**

Proposed Rule Stage

38. • VOLUNTARY LABELING PROGRAM FOR DESIGNATED BIOBASED PRODUCTS

Legal Authority: PL 107-171

Abstract: The purpose of the program is to provide a "U.S.D.A. Certified Biobased Product" label for use on biobased products meeting certain criteria to be established in the proposed rule, to specify those criteria for gaining use of the label, establish a system to make the label available to manufacturers and vendors of biobased products, and to establish the labeling program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/08	

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39. • DESIGNATION OF BIOBASED ITEMS FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT, ROUND 7

Legal Authority: PL 107-171, sec 9002

Abstract: Designates bath products; concrete and asphalt cleaners, including microbial and non-microbial concrete and asphalt cleaners as subcategories; corrosion removers; dishwashing detergents; floor cleaners and protectors; hair cleaning products, including shampoos and conditioners as subcategories; microbial cleaners; oven and grill cleaners; slide way

lubricants; and thermal shipping containers, including durable and non-durable thermal shipping containers as subcategories.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
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