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Food Safety and Inspection Service
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Room 102, Cotton Annex
Washington, D.C. 20250

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Doug Carnes

Re: Docket #01-030N

To Whom It May Concern:

We wish to submit the following comments in support of the petition to postpone moisture retention regulations and labeling requirements until August, 2004.

- 1) Current regulations regarding moisture have been in effect for over 40 years. More time is needed to conduct testing, implement the new regulations, as well as order revised packaging and labeling.
- 2) From a consumer's prospective, nothing will change if the postponement is granted. If this postponement is not granted, however, many poultry companies will be forced to shut down until the new requirements can be met, depriving consumers of access to wholesome, economical poultry product.

Sincerely,



Doug Carnes
Vice President, Operations

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