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Docket Clerk U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service 300 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Room 102, Cotton Annex Washington, DC 20250 04-006P-16 04-006P Mark Dopp

Re: Request for Extension of Comment Period for Proposed Rule To Publish Lists of Retail Consignees During Meat or Poultry Product Recalls; Docket No. 04-006P; 71 *Fed. Reg.* 11326 (March 7, 2006).

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Pursuant to the requests made by the American Meat Institute (AMI) and others at the April 24, 2006, public meeting concerning the abovereferenced proposal, AMI requests that the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) extend the comment period for that proposal. Currently, the comment period closes on May 8, 2006. However, significant information was presented by FSIS and the public at the April 24 meeting, which needs to be considered as AMI prepares its comments.

Because not all interested person were able to attend the public meeting and because access to the information presented may be helpful in formulating comments, we respectfully request that FSIS post the transcript of the public meeting on the agency's website as quickly as possible and extend the comment period such that comments will be due 60 days after the transcript has been made available. We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Mark Dopp Senior Vice President & General Counsel