

FSIS RegulationsComments

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Good day:

We are commenting on the FSIS proposed regulations on "meat recall and store secrecy."
Pardon us if the title is slightly incorrect.

As consumers we are very concerned with food origin and consumer knowledge and information. It makes us better consumers.

We believe that we have a right to know. We believe that extends to food recalls, to food alerts and to which stores are involved with particular alerts or recalls. To a certain degree we do NOT TRUST our government nor a corporation to act in our best interest.

Therefore we wish to have full knowledge in a timely manner e.g. as soon as possible of any such alerts or recalls. This includes store chains and even states or locales within states that may be effected.

On a positive note we wish to express our pleasure with new sourceing rules that went into effect for fish & seafood last year. This allows us to know which country, whether fresh or frozen and whether farmed or wild caught. Kroger's "Fred Meyer" chain is excellent in fulfilling this rule while we find Safeway and Ray's [a PNW independent] is not as good. We would like this approach to be used with meats as well down to the notion of states or subregions of the USA e.g. Pacific NW or Southern California.

Thank you and good day. You may contact us if questions.

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