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All Poultry Processors

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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – May 2008

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service is approving the use of frozen parts or meat when processing donated bulk commodities under Standard Yield (SY) and Guaranteed Minimum Return (GMR) processing programs. Frozen parts or meat may be used for SY and GMR when (1) the parts or meat is derived from bulk commodities purchased by USDA, (2) labeled as to kind and class of poultry and accurately identified so time in storage can be determined, (3) packaged to protect against quality deterioration during storage, (4) frozen to 0 °F (-17.8 °C) within 72 hours, and (5) held in frozen (0 °F/-17.8 °C or below) storage no more than 90 days. Additionally, each processor must develop a written quality plan that documents the control procedures for the frozen parts or meat. The documented plan must be approved by AMS, Poultry Programs prior to use of frozen parts or meat in reprocessing donated commodities.

If you have any questions, you may contact Dave Brothers (703) 305-2668.

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