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USDA CORRECTS AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ITS AUXILIARY PROVISIONS

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is correcting an error in the amendatory language in our final rule that was published in the *Federal Register* on April 1, 2009 (74 FR 14710-14719, Docket No. APHIS-2007-0042), and effective on May 1, 2009, wherein we amended the National Poultry Improvement Plan (the Plan) and its auxiliary provisions by providing new or modified sampling and testing procedures for Plan participants and participating flocks. In that final rule, we amended the U.S. Avian Influenza Clean program for multiplier meat-type chicken breeding flocks to require that 15 birds be tested to retain the classification, rather than 30. However, our amendatory instruction accomplishing this change also amended the program to require multiplier spent fowl to be tested within 15 days prior to movement to slaughter, rather than 30 days. We had intended to retain the 30-day requirement. This document corrects that error.

Notice of this final rule is published in today's Aug. 3 *Federal Register* and becomes effective upon publication.

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