

Termination shall be made in accordance with paragraph (h)(2)(vii) of this section. Collateral contacts could include employers, social service agencies, and migrant agencies.

(C) *Systems of records* to which the State agency may have routine access are not considered collateral contacts. Information concerning income, family size, or food stamp/AFDC certification which is maintained by other government agencies and to which the State agency can legally gain access, may be used to confirm a household's eligibility for CCFP meal benefits. One possible source could be wage and benefit information maintained by the State unemployment agency, if that information is available. The use of any information derived from other agencies must be used with applicable safeguards concerning disclosure.

(v) Verification by State agencies of receipt of food stamps or AFDC benefits shall be limited to a review to determine that the period of Food Stamp or AFDC Program eligibility is current. If the food stamp or AFDC certification period is found to have expired, or if the household's certification has been terminated, the household shall be required to document their income eligibility.

(vi) The State agency may work with the institution to verify the documentation submitted by the household on the application; however, the responsibility to complete the verification process may not be delegated to the institution.

(vii) If a household refuses to cooperate with efforts to verify, or the verification of income indicates that the household is ineligible to receive benefits or is eligible to receive reduced benefits, the State agency shall require the pricing program institution to terminate or adjust eligibility in accordance with the following procedures. Institution officials shall immediately notify families of the denial of benefits in accordance with paragraphs (e)(4) and (5) of this section. Advance notification shall be provided to families which receive a reduction of termination of benefits 10 calendar days prior to the actual reduction or termination. The 10-day period shall begin the day the notice is transmitted to the family. The notice shall advise the household of:

(A) The change; (B) the reasons for the change; (C) notification of the right to appeal the action and the date by which the appeal must be requested in order to avoid a reduction or termination of benefits; (D) instructions on how to appeal; and (E) the right to reapply at any time during the year. The reasons

for ineligibility shall be properly documented and retained on file at the institution.

(viii) When a household disagrees with an adverse action which affects its benefits and requests a fair hearing, benefits shall be continued as follows while the household awaits the hearing:

(A) Households which have been approved for benefits and which are subject to a reduction or termination of benefits later in the same year shall receive continued benefits if they appeal the adverse action within the 10-day advance notice period; and

(B) Households which are denied benefits upon application shall not receive benefits.

Dated: May 18, 1987.

S. Anna Kondratas,
Acting Administrator.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 1 and 2

[Docket No. 87-068]

Animal Welfare; Definition of Terms and Regulations

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period for proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document extends the comment period by 30 days until July 1, 1987, for proposed rules entitled "Animal Welfare: Definition of Terms and Regulations." This action will provide interested persons with additional time to prepare comments on the proposed rule.

DATE: Comments must be postmarked on or before July 1, 1987.

ADDRESS: Send written comments to Dr. R.L. Crawford, Animal Care Staff, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, Room 756, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Please state that your comments refer to Docket Number 84-010 and 84-027. Comments received may be inspected in Room 756 of the Federal Building between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. R.L. Crawford, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animal Care Staff, VS, APHIS, USDA, Room 756, Federal Building, Hyattsville, MD 20782, Area Code (301) 436-7833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 31, 1987, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service published in the Federal Register (52 FR 10292-10322, Docket Number 84-010 and 84-027), a proposal which would amend Animal Welfare—Definition of Terms (9 CFR Part 1) and the Regulations (9 CFR Part 2) in order to comply with the amendment to the Animal Welfare Act contained in Pub. L. 99-198, "The Food Security Act of 1985" enacted December 23, 1985, and to expand the list of definitions and revise the current regulations in order to facilitate enforcement of the Act.

The proposed rule provided that written comments would be accepted for 60 days until June 1, 1987. We have received 13 requests that we extend the comment period for 60 days to provide interested persons with adequate time to prepare comments.

We believe it is in the public interest to extend the comment period; however, in order to proceed with the rulemaking process in a timely manner, we have determined that a 30-day extension is appropriate. Accordingly, we will extend this comment period for 30 days until July 1, 1987.

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of May, 1987.

William W. Bulsch,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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9 CFR Parts 160 and 161

[Docket No. 87-054]

Standards for Accredited Veterinarians

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Withdrawal of a proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We are withdrawing a proposed rule that would have prohibited accredited veterinarians from performing official duties associated with livestock in which the accredited veterinarian or any member of the accredited veterinarian's immediate family has a financial interest. We received over 800 comments on this proposal, most in opposition. Based on our review of these comments, we have decided to withdraw the proposed rule. We are currently studying alternatives. If we determine at a later date that regulatory action is necessary, we will publish a new proposal.