NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 19 January 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Prior Label Approval System: Expansion of Generic Label Approval

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**Description:** TITLE: Prior Label Approval System: Expansion of Generic Label Approval

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: FSIS is amending its regulations to expand the circumstances under which it will generically approve the labels of meat, poultry, and egg products. Also, as of the effective date of this final rule, FSIS will no longer evaluate generically approved labels that establishments and egg products plants voluntarily submit for FSIS review. FSIS is also announcing the availability of revised guidelines on the types of labels that must be submitted to FSIS for approval.

DATES: This rule is effective 20 March 2023. Submit comments on the revised FSIS Guideline for Label Approval on or before 17 February 2023.

This final rule and the proposed rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/667/Rev.1](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F667&distributionDateFrom=2020-09-15) are identified by Docket Number FSIS-2019-0019. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FSIS-2019-0019/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.

Previous actions notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/667](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn11/USA667.doc) and [G/TBT/N/USA/667/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN11/USA667A1.DOC) are identified by Docket Number FSIS-2005-0016. The Docket Folder is available on <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FSIS-2005-0016/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number.

Information from USDA FSIS on Labeling and Label Approval available at:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/compliance-guidance/labeling>

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)