

proposed rules

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Electrification Administration

[7 CFR Part 1701]

RURAL TELEPHONE PROGRAM

Proposed Revision of REA Specification PE-23 for Direct Burial Telephone Cables (Air Core)

AGENCY: Rural Electrification Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: REA proposes to revise REA Bulletin 345-14 to announce the revision of REA Specification PE-23 for Direct Burial Telephone Cables (Air Core). This specification was revised to upgrade the electrical requirements and to include a section on Qualification Testing. The effect of this action will be to take advantage of state-of-the-art improvements in cable manufacturing and help assure the long-term performance characteristics of the cable under certain environmental conditions. On issuance of REA Bulletin 345-14, appendix A to part 1701 will be modified accordingly.

DATE: Public comments must be received by REA no later than July 3, 1978.

ADDRESS: Persons interested in the revised specification may submit written data, views, or comments to the Director, Telephone Operations and Standards Division, Rural Electrification Administration, Room 1355, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the Office of the Director, Telephone Operations and Standards Division during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Warner T. Smith, Chief, Outside Plant Branch, Telephone Operations and Standards Division, Rural Electrification Administration, Room 1340, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone number 202-447-3827.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act, as amended (17 USC 901 et seq.), REA proposes to issue REA Bulletin 345-14.

A copy of the proposed revision of REA Bulletin 345-14 and the proposed revision of REA Specification PE-23 may be secured in person or by written request from the Director, Telephone Operations and Standards Division.

Dated: May 24, 1978.

C. R. BALLARD,
Assistant Administrator,
Telephone.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[9 CFR Part 11]

ANIMAL WELFARE

Horse Protection Regulations; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time for comments.

SUMMARY: This document would extend the comment period on the proposed rulemaking published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, April 28, 1978 (43 FR 18514-18531), which proposes new and revised regulations under the Horse Protection Act to prevent the showing, exhibiting, selling or auctioning of sore horses and certain transportation of sore horses in connection therewith at horse shows, horse exhibitions, horse sales, and horse auctions as required or authorized by the Horse Protection Act Amendments of 1976, enacted on July 13, 1976, and certain other purposes. Certain representatives of the horse industry have requested that the comment period be extended in order to give them adequate time to prepare relevant data and information and to develop sound views and comments. This document is to provide an extension of the comment period as requested.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before June 30, 1978.

ADDRESS: Send comments to Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, VS, Room 703, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Dale F. Schwindaman, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animal Care Staff, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 703, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782, 301-436-8271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was given April 28, 1978 (43 FR 18514-18531), of proposed new and revised regulations under the Horse Protection Act to prevent the showing, exhibition, selling or auctioning of sore horses and certain transportation of sore horses in connection therewith at horse shows, horse exhibitions, horse sales, and horse auctions as required or authorized by the Horse Protection Act Amendments of 1976 (Pub. L. 94-360) enacted on July 13, 1976.

This proposal provided for receipt of comments on or before May 30, 1978.

In response to this proposal, requests were received from representatives of the horse industry for additional time in which to obtain relevant data and information and to develop sound views and comments. Since the Department is interested in receiving meaningful views and comments, these circumstances are considered justification for an extension of the time period originally allotted for submitting views and comments. Therefore, the period for the submission of comments concerning the proposal is hereby extended until June 30, 1978.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 31st day of May, 1978.

PIERRE A. CHALOUX,
Deputy Administrator,
Veterinary Services.

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Food Safety and Quality Service

[9 CFR Part 381]

STANDARD FOR TURKEY HAM

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

AGENCY: Food Safety and Quality Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes a standard for "Turkey Ham." This product which is fabricated from turkey thigh meat has been marketed for a number of years and has gained consumer acceptance for both its organoleptic characteristics and nutritional qualities. As a result, an increasing number of firms are now marketing the product. The provisions of the