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Secretary of State

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A **PDF** document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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ADDRESS P.O. Box 1609	CITY Jackson	STATE MS
EMAIL Julie@mdac.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Retail Sale of Poultry Products & Requirements of Inspection	
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann. 69-1-18	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: N/A	

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Deputy Commissioner, MS Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce
DATE 4/9/2013	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 6/7/2013

1. Describe the need for the proposed action: Meat inspection laws exempt from inspection chickens that are processed by a producer who grows no more than 20,000 birds in a calendar year. Consumers at retail establishments who purchase processed poultry products cannot assess the safety of the process from the retail establishment. Therefore, the Department is requiring that the poultry products sold at a retail establishment bear marks of inspection.
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: This regulation will benefit consumers because they can be assured that the poultry products they are purchasing in the marketplace were slaughtered and processed under inspection.
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: The regulation ensures that all poultry products moving in the marketplace are identified as being under an inspection program.
4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues: None
5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: Cost is moderate (\$165.00) and Economic Benefit is substantial.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: Moderate (\$165.00)
  - a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: 5
  - b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: Must show that poultry product has received inspection for appropriate inspection program through marks of inspection..
  - c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: Will have to have product inspected and buy labels
  - d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis: None
    - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
    - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
    - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
    - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
    - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations:
7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule: The benefit is that all poultry products offered for sale to the public will be inspected by a regulatory agency.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law: None
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: None
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: N/A
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection: Contacted labeling company and obtained price estimate for set up and printing of inspection legend labels.