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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 121 N. Jefferson St.	CITY Jackson	STATE MS	ZIP 39201
EMAIL Julie@mdac.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Poultry Inspection Exemptions		
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann. §75-33-3	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: N/A		

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Deputy Commissioner of MDAC
DATE October 7, 2014	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE December 5, 2014

1. Describe the need for the proposed action: There is confusion among growers about the complex exemptions from poultry inspection
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: The growers will know better what is expected of them to meet exemptions.
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: The regulation will clarify the complex poultry inspection exemptions.
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: The agency will take on minimal extra paperwork in the vein of registration of growers producing under 1,000 birds. The department has consistently interpreted the current poultry exemptions in this manner so there are no substantive changes for it other than the registration requirement.
5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: The cost is estimated at \$220.00 initially for a label plate and artwork and 1,000 labels and \$130 annually to print 1,000 labels.
6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business:
 - a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: one

- 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: The projected new cost is associated with labeling. All record keeping should have been done prior to the clarification.
- c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: Must label poultry products according to the rule. Must register with the department to claim the exemptions.
- d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
 - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; N/A
 - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; N/A
 - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; N/A
 - 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: N/A
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 Cost of the proposed rule is limited to labeling costs which may or may not have been present before due to the grower's practices. The benefit includes informing the consumer that the poultry is uninspected compared to no rule and no information for the consumer.
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: There are no less costly methods than labeling to the Department's knowledge.
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: None available.
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above:
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection: Contacted a labeling company to obtain price estimates for 1,000 labels, and set-up and artwork.