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Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization

Effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER, paragraph (q) is added to § 6.363 as set out below.

§ 6.363 Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

* * * * *

(q) One Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Director of Training and Education.

(R.S. 1753, sec. 2, 22 Stat. 403, as amended; 5 U.S.C. 631, 633)

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
[SEAL] MARY V. WENZEL,
Executive Assistant to the Commissioners.

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Title 7—AGRICULTURE

Chapter I—Agricultural Marketing Service (Standards, Inspections, Marketing Practices), Department of Agriculture

SUBCHAPTER D—REGULATIONS UNDER THE POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT

PART 81—INSPECTION OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Miscellaneous Amendments

Notice of the proposed issuance of amendments to the regulations governing the inspection of poultry and poultry products (7 CFR Part 81, as amended) was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of May 24, 1961 (26 F.R. 4453). The regulations hereinafter promulgated are issued pursuant to authority contained in the Poultry Products Inspection Act (71 Stat. 441; 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).

The amendments established specific moisture tolerances for various classes of poultry. Some moisture is unavoidably absorbed during the essential washing and chilling processes necessary to produce clean, wholesome poultry.

Moisture absorption and retention limits were applied to whole carcass poultry in the form of instructions to inspectors and processing plant management issued in May 1960. The amendments set forth herein would extend controls on water absorption to ice-packed poultry, and reduce the previously set limit on water absorption by heavy turkeys.

The amendments are essentially the same as proposed, with the exception of the provisions of § 81.50(b)(3)(ii), which have been changed by deleting the last two sentences that were contained in the proposed amendment. This modification is being made on the basis of information presented subsequent to publication of the proposed amendments and upon a determination that these proposed provisions were unnecessary because of existing provisions in the Act and the regulations.

After consideration of all relevant material, the regulations in 7 CFR Part 81, as amended, are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 81.50(b)(3)(ii) is amended to read:

(ii) Poultry washing, chilling, and draining practices and procedures shall be such, as will minimize moisture absorption and retention at time of packaging. The inspector will make such weight tests as he deems necessary to assure compliance with this requirement.

2. New subparagraphs (iii), (iv), and (v) are added to § 81.50(b)(3) to read:

(iii) With respect to poultry that is to be consumer packaged or frozen or both, the maximum moisture absorption and retention during the washing, chilling and draining processes shall not exceed at the time of packaging the percentage tolerances set forth in the following table:

Kind and weight of poultry read-to-cook:	*Percentage increase in weight over weight prior to washing*
Turkeys, 20 pounds and over	4½
Turkeys, 10 to 20 pounds	6
Turkeys, Under 10 pounds	8
Chickens, 5 pounds and under	8
All other kinds and weights of poultry	6

(iv) With respect to poultry that is to be ice packed, the maximum amount of moisture that is permitted to be absorbed shall not exceed 12 percent at time of ice packing. The loss of moisture during holding and transportation results in moisture retention that is within the tolerances specified in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph.

(v) The temperature of the chilling media in poultry chilling equipment shall not exceed 65° F. in the warmest part of the chilling system.

(Sec. 14, 71 Stat. 447; 21 U.S.C. 463)

Effective date. August 1, 1961.

The foregoing amendments impose certain restrictions on the amount of moisture permitted to be absorbed by poultry during its processing and it is in the interest of the consuming public to impose these restrictions as soon as possible. Moreover, additional time is not necessary for the industry to prepare for compliance with these provisions. Accordingly, under section 4 of the Administrative Procedures Act (3 U.S.C. 1003), good cause is found for making the amendments effective less than 30 days after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 13th day of July 1961.

ROY W. LENNARTSON,
Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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Chapter IX—Agricultural Marketing Service and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (Marketing Agreements and Orders), Department of Agriculture

[Valencia Orange Reg. 235, Amdt. 1]

PART 922—VALENCIA ORANGES GROWN IN ARIZONA AND DESIGNATED PART OF CALIFORNIA

Limitation of Handling

Findings. (1) Pursuant to the marketing agreement and Order No. 22, as amended (7 CFR Part 922), regulating the handling of Valencia oranges grown in Arizona and designated part of California, effective under the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), and upon the basis of the recommendation and information submitted by the Valencia Orange Administrative Committee, established under the said marketing agreement and order, as amended, and upon other available information, it is hereby found that the limitation of handling of such Valencia oranges as hereinafter provided will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

(2) It is hereby further found that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice, engage in public rule-making procedure, and postpone the effective date of this amendment until 30 days after publication hereof in the FEDERAL REGISTER (60 Stat. 237; 5 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) because the time intervening between the date when information upon which this amendment is based became available and the time when this amendment must become effective in order to effectuate the declared policy of the act is insufficient, and this amendment relieves restriction on the handling of Valencia oranges grown in Arizona and designated part of California.

Order, as amended. The provisions in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of § 922.535 (Valencia Orange Regulation 235, 26 F.R. 6121) are hereby amended to read as follows: