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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 24 February 2026, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Maximum Line Speed Rates for Young Chicken and Turkey Establishments Operating Under the New Poultry Inspection System

FSIS is proposing to amend the regulations to: allow young chicken establishments operating under the New Poultry Inspection System (NPIS) to operate at line speeds up to 175 birds per minute (bpm); increase the maximum line speed prescribed for turkey establishments operating under the NPIS from 55 bpm to 60 bpm; define "maximum line speed" as the time it takes for an inspector to effectively perform online carcass inspection procedures; clarify when FSIS may direct establishments to operate at a reduced line speed; and remove requirements for NPIS establishments to submit to FSIS annual attestations on worker safety programs. The proposed amendments would allow poultry establishments to slaughter birds more efficiently while continuing to ensure food safety and effective online carcass inspection.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/02/19/2026-03227/maximum-line-speed-rates-for-young-chicken-and-turkey-establishments-operating-under-the-new-poultry>

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_01126_00_e.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

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- Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2026

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

Rachel Edelstein, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Policy and Program Development, at Tel: +(202) 205 0495 or doCKETCLERK@USDA.GOV with a subject line of "Docket No. FSIS 2025- 0012."

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<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-19/pdf/2026-03227.pdf>
