

mandates that Federal agencies utilize their authorities in furtherance of the purposes of that Act. Such information should facilitate prompt identification of such birds in order to determine whether they are an endangered species.

When outbreaks of velogenic viscerotropic Newcastle disease occur, it is important to be able to differentiate smuggled birds from legally imported birds when the tracing of movements is required. Smuggled birds have been implicated in all outbreaks of velogenic viscerotropic Newcastle disease since the Southern California outbreak in the fall of 1971. Under the existing regulations, identification numbers applied prior to presentation for entry are not required to be recorded, and are, therefore, lost in most cases. Further, the identification of birds and the recording of numbers applied at the quarantine facility should facilitate the tracing of legally imported birds and provide a means to differentiate them from smuggled birds. It is believed that this differentiation will suppress the smuggling of birds and the consequent threat of introducing velogenic viscerotropic Newcastle disease associated with such smuggled birds. It should be noted that the birds would be required to be identified within 72 hours of the time that such birds enter the facility. A period of 72 hours is proposed to allow the facility operator time to identify the birds during his normal hours of business so that overtime expenses might be minimized.

Accordingly, part 92, title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, would be amended in the following respects:

1. Section 92.5(c) would be amended by deleting the phrase "such birds were individually identified by serially numbered legbands (or by other suitable means of identification approved by the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, upon request to him) and" appearing after the first semicolon in the first sentence in said section.

2. The following sentences would be added between the first and second sentences of § 92.11 (e): "At a USDA quarantine facility each bird shall be individually identified by the Department within 72 hours of the entry of the bird into the bird quarantine facility with an identifying device supplied by the Department at cost to the importer. The Department shall insure that the bird shall be so identified at the time the bird is released from quarantine. The Department shall make an identification record at the time such bird is so identified containing the species of the bird, including the common and scientific name, and the number of the identification device placed on the bird. The daily log and the identification record shall

be maintained for 12 months following the date of the release of the bird from quarantine."

3. Section 92.11 (f)(3)(II)(E) would be amended by deleting the period at the end of the first sentence of the section and adding the following in lieu thereof: "; and it shall be the responsibility of the facility operator to identify individually each bird within 72 hours of the entry of the bird into the quarantine facility with an identifying device supplied by the Department upon request to the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, and to insure that each bird is so identified at the time the bird is released from the facility. Such identifying devices shall be furnished to quarantine facility operators at cost."

4. Section 92.11 (f)(3)(III) would be amended by deleting the last sentence of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The operator of the facility shall also make identification record, at the time each bird is identified, containing the species of the bird, including the common and scientific name and the number of the identification device placed on each bird. The daily log and the identification record shall be maintained for 12 months following the date of release of the bird from quarantine and shall be made available to Veterinary Services personnel upon request.

All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Room 817, Hyattsville, Md., during regular hours of business (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays) in a manner convenient to the public business (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

Comments submitted should bear a reference to the date and page number of this issue in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 13th day of April 1978.

NOTE.—The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this document does not contain a major proposal requiring preparation of an Inflation Impact Statement under Executive Order 11821 and OMB Circular A-107.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[12 CFR Part 226]

[Reg. Z; Docket No. R-00981]

AMENDMENT TO REGULATION Z TO SIMPLIFY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Consumers in Credit Transactions; Suspension of Rulemaking

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Suspension of rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On May 9, 1977, the Board of Governors proposed for comment four amendments to simplify the disclosure requirement of Regulation Z (42 FR 23516). The proposals concerned itemization of the finance charge and downpayment, itemization of certain fees to exclude them from the finance charge, and identification of the method of computing unearned finance charges upon prepayment. The Board has decided to defer final action on these proposals because of pending consideration by Congress of bill to simplify the Truth in Lending Act.

DATE: Further action will be delayed pending Congressional action.

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By order of the Board of Governors,
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THEODORE E. ALLISON,
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Food and Drug Administration

[21 CFR Part 101]

[Docket No. 77P-0413]

FOOD LABELING

Ingredient Labeling Exemption

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration.

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: This is a proposal to permit ingredients used as firming agents in food (e.g., calcium salts in canned vegetables and tomato products) to be listed together in the ingredient statement, in the order of predominance appropriate for the total amount of all firming agents, by specific common or usual names in paren-