

Meat and Meat Food Products; Final Rule (Clearinghouse Rule #14-024)

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) hereby submits the following rule for publication:

Clearinghouse rule #: 14-024

Subject: Drug Residues in Meat and Meat Food Products

Adm. code reference: ATCP 55

DATCP Docket #: 13-R-07

We are enclosing a copy of the final rule, as adopted by DATCP. We are also providing the following information for publication with the rule, as required by s. 227.114 (6), Stats.

Business Impact Analysis (Summary)

This rule change is anticipated to have very little impact on meat establishment operators, who will be required to determine whether livestock producers presenting animals for slaughter are on the USDA Residue Repeat Violators List and, if a producer is on the list, determine whether the mandatory corrective action has been taken. Since very few livestock producers from Wisconsin and neighboring states are on the list, the proposed rule change will have no impact on the vast majority of livestock producers who follow existing regulations and have a strong working relationship with their veterinarian. To the extent that the proposed rule prevents drug residue problems and condemnation of carcasses, there will be a positive long-term economic impact. The rule will not modify fees or have an economic impact on local governmental units or public utility rate payers.

Comments from Legislative Committees (Summary)

The legislature received the rule for legislative review from DATCP on January 27, 2015. The rule was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Small Business and Tourism. Neither committee took action. The Senate referred the rule to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) on March 9, 2015 and the Assembly referred it to JCRAR on March 13, 2015. JCRAR also took no action on the rule.