

Appendix A – Comment Summary

Written Comments

Ch. ATCP 55, Meat and Meat Food Products

Rules Clearinghouse No. 12-040

DATCP Docket No. 11-R-10

Person/Organization	Position/Comments
Mary Porretta, Policy Issuances Division Food Safety Inspection Service, USDA.	Comments requested further clarification about references to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that USDA believed may have been erroneously omitted, as well as questions about apparent inconsistencies in the proposed rule. The department provided further clarification and the final proposed rule includes references to the CFR required to meet federal Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) program requirements.
Scott Buer Bolzano Artisan Meats	Made a comment in response to the Economic Impact Analysis that he was very much in favor of the proposed incorporation of federal regulations associated with interstate shipment. He indicated that it will be a great economic benefit to small meat processors and farms in Wisconsin and that he and his wife have been waiting for three years for the CIS program to become a reality. He stated that almost once a week for the last year, his company has been turning down orders from stores and restaurants across the U.S. The changes will allow his company to create several full time positions, several part time positions, and put tens of thousands into the state's small scale farming economy every month, and a sizable amount of investment into their facility, which is located in an economically disadvantaged area of Milwaukee.
Bob Schmalling Wilson Farm Meats	Made a comment in response to the Economic Impact Analysis that their business had been working toward a federal grant of inspection but would prefer to stay with the state inspection program. They believe state inspection personnel are more helpful in terms of providing options for business decisions.
Rose Karl Rose Karl's Pizza	Made a comment in response to the Economic Impact Analysis that the CIS program will have a positive impact on their business as she will then be able to co-pack product for U.S. Food (a meat distributor) and deliver their product throughout the Midwest.