



Member Notice

USDA Sets New Enforcement Date for Delay of Meat Grinding Log Rule

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Dear NGA Members,

As you know, NGA has worked hard to minimize the burdens of USDA's regulation "Records to be Kept by Official Establishments and Retail Stores that Grind Raw Beef Products." Our efforts included filing extensive comments, holding multiple meetings with USDA officials, and engaging Congress to weigh on the proposal. While a number of our recommendations were ultimately accepted by USDA, the reality is this regulation will have a significant impact on independent grocers who pride themselves on running exceptional meat markets. We understand the impact and share many of our members concerns and frustrations with this regulation.

In March 2016, NGA formally requested that USDA delay enforcement of the regulations, and were granted an enforcement delay in May. A copy of that letter can be found [HERE](#). We collected and submitted to the Agency the additional information they were seeking, and were notified today that **they have postponed the enforcement date to October 1, 2016**. The letter from the Agency announcing the delay can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you to all NGA member companies for providing feedback on this rule. We are pleased the Agency responded to our concerns by granting an extension.

Sincerely,

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