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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	2 VAC5-210
Regulation title	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Meat and Poultry Inspection Under the Virginia Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act
Action title	Adoption of 9 CFR Part 412 Label approval
Final agency action date	
Document preparation date	November 27, 2013

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## Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The purpose of this amendment is to adopt Part 412 of Title 9 of the Code of the Federal Regulations regarding Label approval. The United States Department of Agriculture - Food Safety and Inspection Service consolidated the separate generic label approval regulations for meat and poultry products into a new CFR part applicable to both meat and poultry products. This change amends the regulations to expand the circumstances for generically approved labels. This change also combines generic label approval regulations for meat and poultry products and allows inspected establishments to generically approve labels that previously had to be submitted for formal approval.

## Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

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On November 27, 2013, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services adopted as final the amendment to 2 VAC 5-210, Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Meat and Poultry Inspection Under the Virginia Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act.

## Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This regulatory action will not impact the institution of the family and family stability.