



NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 3 November 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

Title: National Organic Program (NOP); Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards

Reason for Addendum:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comment period changed - date:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure adopted - date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 2 November 2023
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date: 2 January 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Text of final measure available from ¹ : 88 Federal Register (FR) 75394, 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 205: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-11-02/html/2023-23726.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-11-02/pdf/2023-23726.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/final_measure/23_13305_00_e.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ : New deadline for comments (if applicable):
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Description: The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) amends the organic livestock and poultry production requirements by adding new provisions for livestock handling and transport, slaughter, and avian (poultry) living conditions; and expanding and clarifying existing requirements covering livestock care and production practices and non-avian living conditions. These changes will ensure organically produced foods meet a transparent and consistent standard to allow the industry to maintain consumer confidence in USDA organic products, to align with consumer expectations regarding outdoor access, and to further facilitate interstate commerce in organic products.

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

Effective Date: This rule is effective 1 January 2024.

[Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 205](#)

Compliance Dates: All organic operations must comply with the requirements of this rule by 2 January 2025, except:

(1) Currently certified organic layer operations and layer operations that are certified before 2 January 2025, must comply with the Sec. Sec. 205.241(c)(2), (c)(4), and (c)(5), concerning outdoor stocking density requirements and soil and vegetation requirements, by 2 January 2029.

(2) Currently certified organic broiler operations and broiler operations that are certified before 2 January 2025, must comply with Sec. Sec. 205.241(b)(10), (c)(2), and (c)(6), concerning indoor and outdoor stocking density requirements and soil and vegetation requirements, by 5 January 2029.

(3) Currently certified organic poultry operations and poultry operations that are certified before 2 January 2025 must comply with Sec. [thinsp]205.241(b)

(4), concerning poultry house exit area requirements, by 2 January 2029. For more information, see the IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE DATES FOR THE FINAL RULE section of this document.

This final rule and previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/1910](#) are identified by Docket Number AMS-NOP-21-0073. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-NOP-21-0073/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](#) by searching the Docket Number.
