

**Economic Impact Statement**  
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**[IC 4-22-2.1-5](#) Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**

**1. Description of the Rule**

Amends [345 IAC 9-2.1-1](#) and [345 IAC 10-2.1-1](#) to update federal regulations incorporated by reference that govern the slaughter and processing of livestock and poultry. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

**2. Description of Affected Industry**

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) provides inspection services to 129 meat and poultry slaughter and processing establishments, including custom exempt establishments, in the state.

**3. Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs**

State inspected meat and poultry slaughtering and processing businesses are currently required to comply with the meat and poultry inspection rules. The proposed changes will impose requirements on small businesses but will not substantially increase their reporting, record keeping, or other administrative costs.

**4. Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The BOAH does not anticipate increased costs to small businesses as a result of adopting the updated standards as compared to the current standards.

**5. Justification for Costs**

The BOAH is required by state and federal law to maintain meat and poultry inspection rules that are at least equal to the standards in the federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.). [IC 15-2.1-24](#) and 21 U.S.C. 661(a)(1). The proposed rule changes are required to maintain equal to status.

**6. Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

The requirements in the proposed rule changes are no more stringent than federal standards. State and federal law prohibits standards that are less stringent than federal standards. 21 U.S.C. 601 et seq., 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq., and [IC 15-2.1-24](#). Therefore, alternative methods were not selected.

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