

# USDA Amends Bacon Packaging, Cured Meat Labeling Regulations

New bacon packaging regulations and a new requirement that all cured meat products be labeled with an ingredient statement will become effective Feb. 19, 1973, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

"Both changes will give consumers more complete information on which to base their selections of bacon and other cured meat products such as ham," Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng said.

Windowed bacon packages will have to expose at least 70 per cent of the length of a representative strip of bacon. This window will have to be at least 1½ inches wide. The new requirement is basically the same as that proposed in the Federal Register April 21, to which USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service received 436 comments from individual consumers, consumer representatives, industry, trade associations, State and municipal governments, and educational institutions. Of these, 391 comments favored the proposal.

Repeated consumer complaints about being unable to judge the quality of bacon in windowed packages prompted the proposal, officials said. USDA worked with Mrs. Virginia Knauer, Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, in drafting the proposal and final amendment.

The other amendment announced today requires that all cured meat products be labeled to tell the consumer the ingredients used in their curing. Ingredients will have to be listed on all cured meats, and on the labels of products containing cured meats—for example, frozen dinners containing ham.

This amendment is the same as that proposed in the Federal Register Feb. 5. Of 306 comments received from consumers and

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consumer organizations, members of the meat industry, trade organizations, educational institutions, and State and municipal governments, 292 favored the change.

Cured meat products have not had to carry ingredient statements in the past because USDA felt that consumers generally knew that these products were made with meat and a simple curing solution. As more complex curing solutions have come into use in recent years, consumers may no longer be aware of the ingredients used, APHIS officials said. All other federally inspected meat products containing two or more ingredients already must carry ingredient statements.

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