

Propose Tightening Meat Sanitation Regulations

All vehicles used in transporting inspected meat and poultry will become subject to cleanliness checks by federal inspectors, if a proposal announced recently by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is adopted. The proposed amendments also require thorough removal of lye, soda solutions, and other chemicals used to clean the interiors of such vehicles.

Although current inspection policy includes routine checks of all meat and poultry carriers, the

proposal will clarify and outline more specifically the inspection procedure involved, officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said.

Copies of the proposal, which will be published in the Sept. 28 Federal Register, are available from APHIS, Room 1658-S USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Comments on the proposal should be sent in duplicate by Dec. 7 to the USDA Hearing Clerk, Washington, D. C. 20250. Anyone wishing to present his comments orally should contact

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Fix-It Tip

Gutters and downspouts can always stand a touch-up. Cleaning them is the first step. Take along a wire brush to get rid of debris when you climb the ladder to begin the inspection.

Aside from leaves, you will find gutters cluttered with soot and grit washed down from the roof. With the debris out of the way you will be able to see the metal underneath.

A rust preventive paint may be used as a primer over a thin film of rust so long as the metal is sound. Get rid of all large flakes of rust and all dirt before putting on the primer. Put on the finishing coat after the primer has dried.

the Inspection Standards and Regulations Staff, APHIS, USDA, Washington, D. C. 20250, to arrange for presentation of his views before the deadline.

Written comments and transcripts of oral comments will be available in the hearing clerk's office for public review.

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