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**Comment Period for 'Natural' Extended**

The comment period on a petition regarding the voluntary labeling claim 'natural' and on the broader question of how to define this claim has been reopened and extended by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Comments are now due on or before March 5, 2007.

The original comment period closed on Jan. 11, but at and after the Dec. 12 public meeting, FSIS received several requests to extend the comment period. The agency is seeking comments concerning four key questions relating to the possible establishment of a more substantive definition of the term 'natural.' Additional information concerning these questions and the original request for comments can be found at

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/06-9546.htm>.

Details on how to submit comments can be found in the Federal Register at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-192.htm>.