

Instructions for Submitting Public Comments

[Docket No. AMS-TM-07-0062]

Please note there is a new procedure for submitting public comments.

Comments on the proposed rule may be submitted in writing starting Tuesday, May 15, 2007 to Ms. Toni Strother via the internet at www.regulations.gov only.

This is a new public comment procedure that is being required of all federal agencies. The period for submitting public comments on this proposed rule ends by close of business May 22, 2007.

Some pointers for submitting and viewing the comments on www.regulations.gov.

1. Go to www.regulations.gov
2. Select "all documents" so that you get everything, including comments
3. Select "Agricultural Marketing Service" to reduce the search time
4. Select "All document types" to be sure to get all comments
5. Keyword: "ams-tm-07-0062" and "any word" for this Notice and all associated comments. You could also put in "organic" and you would get all organic notices, proposed rules, etc and all of their comments as well.

To submit your comment, the first document indicated is the actual Notice for the Meeting.... Go to the end of the row on the right side and click on the "bubble" and that takes you into the comment submission process.

Attachments to comments seem to keep their formatting rather than inputting into the "general comments area". If you choose to input your comment into the "general comments area" be sure to sign your name to the comment, and include your affiliation, if any, and at least, your city and state to aid reviewers in identifying who made the comment.

If a person desiring to make public comment does not have access to the internet, comments may also be sent to Ms. Strother at the postal address, USDA-AMS-TMD-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268.

Clearly indicate if you are for or against any of the proposed substances, and why. Include recommended wording changes as appropriate. Include references that support your comments. Only relevant material should be submitted.