
21 U.S. Code § 679a

Safe Meat and Poultry Inspection Panel

(a) Establishment

There is established in the Department of Agriculture a permanent advisory panel to be known as the “Safe Meat and Poultry Inspection Panel” (referred to in this section as the “panel”).

(b) Duties

(1) Review and evaluation

The panel shall review and evaluate, as the panel considers necessary, the adequacy, necessity, safety, cost-effectiveness, and scientific merit of—

- (A) inspection procedures of, and work rules and worker relations involving Federal employees employed in, plants inspected under this chapter;
- (B) informal petitions or proposals for changes in inspection procedures, processes, and techniques of plants inspected under this chapter;
- (C) formal changes in meat inspection regulations promulgated under this chapter, whether in notice, proposed, or final form; and
- (D) such other matters as may be referred to the panel by the Secretary regarding the quality or effectiveness of a safe and cost-effective meat inspection system under this chapter.

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