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**Public Interest Comment: Removal of the International Entrepreneur Program**, by Daniel R. Pérez & Lisa A. Zimmer

The Department of Homeland Security is proposing to eliminate its international entrepreneur program, which was created in 2017, despite the agency's previous findings that the program will increase economic growth, job creation, and U.S. based innovation. The new proposal also runs contrary to the administration's declared policy of shifting towards a more merit-based immigration system, decreasing regulatory costs, and demonstrated early success from the program. More...

**Public Interest Comment: FDA's Tobacco Product Standard for Nicotine Levels**, by David Zorn

In a comment filed on the "Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Tobacco Product Standard for Nicotine Level of Combusted Cigarettes," Zorn observes that the FDA's plan to develop a maximum nicotine level for cigarettes is a novel and creative approach to promote public health. He also examines some drawbacks of the FDA's plan, including the speculative and unproven nature of the underlying hypothesis, as well as the limitations of removing access to only combustible sources of nicotine. More...

Commentaries

- *FDA's Proposal to Regulate Nicotine Levels*, by David Zorn, 6/25
- *U.S. and Canada Sign Agreement on Regulatory Cooperation*, by Susan E. Dudley, 6/6

In the News

- *Forbes, Pruitt's Legacy at EPA*, by Susan E. Dudley, 7/9
- *The Hill, Justice Kennedy's Parting Swipe Against Judges Deferring to Administrative Agencies*, by Bridget Dooling, 7/9
- *Bloomberg, Trump Officials Call for Ideas to Improve Miners’ Safety*, quoting Susan E. Dudley, 6/25
- *Forbes, There's the Beef But Where's the Cow?*, by Susan E. Dudley, 6/12
Public Interest Comment: Egg Product Inspection Regulations, by Richard B. Belzer

This public interest comment provides an overview of the Food Safety Inspection Service’s (FSIS) proposed rule requiring official plants that process egg products to develop and implement Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Systems and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures. FSIS would eliminate certain existing requirements, and add new labeling requirements. The comment reviews the justifications for the rulemaking change, and provides answers to how it would affect previous rules, industry growth, and foodborne illness rates. More...

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