

Cost to install a post-lethality (PL) treatment. Establishments in EG 1 and about half in EG 2 already have a PL treatment by virtue of being classified in that establishment group. Establishments in EG 4 and those in EG 2 that use an agent or have a process to control *Lm* do not necessarily have a PL treatment. Seven large establishments are expected to move from EG 2 to EG 1 and 1 large establishment moving from EG 4 will need to install PL treatments. 31 small establishments are expected to move

from EG 4 to EG 1 and will make similar adjustments.

The Agency received comments to the proposed rule indicated that such investments, like high pressure processing units, cost up to \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million per unit. FSIS is using \$1.5 million and \$1.25 million as the expected capital costs of such equipment for large and small establishments, respectively. FSIS received comments regarding per-pound operating expenses for various post-pasteurization

processes, but was unable to use this information because of the lack of data on average production per establishment. FSIS assumes annual operating expenses are 10 percent of the initial capital cost.

The changes in the industry (movement among establishment groups) reflected by the installation of post-lethality treatments are given in Table 14.

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