

ISSUANCES TO PUBLISH BY MID-SEPTEMBER

FSIS Directive 5000.5, Verification of Establishment Sanitation Procedures When Conducted Less than Daily

This directive provides instructions to FSIS inspection program personnel on how to verify compliance with the sanitation regulations in establishments that conduct complete sanitation less frequently than every day. It provides instructions to inspection program personnel for verifying the adequacy of establishments' documentation associated with these sanitation procedures.

FSIS Directive 5100.4, Prioritized Scheduling of Food Safety Assessments

This directive provides the decision criteria that District Case Specialists (DCS) are to use in scheduling food safety assessments (FSAs). It includes background information on prioritizing FSAs, instructions on prioritized scheduling of FSA, an FSA Scheduling Priorities and Criteria Quick Reference Table and an attachment containing further information on prioritized scheduling of "for cause" FSAs.

FSIS Directive 6200.1, Enhanced Inspection of Poultry Related to a Notification of a HPAI Outbreak by FSIS

This directive provides inspection program personnel at poultry slaughter establishments the necessary enhanced inspection procedures for domestic poultry during an HPAI outbreak. FSIS and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 30, 2006, to coordinate a potential USDA effort to control and eradicate an outbreak of HPAI. Once issued, this directive would not be implemented unless there was an outbreak that required its use.

FSIS Directive 9500.5 Laboratory Sampling Program for Imported Meat and Poultry Products

This directive addresses import inspection personnel. It provides instructions on the laboratory sampling of imported meat and poultry products. It provides instructions on how import inspection personnel are to collect, prepare, and submit samples for laboratory analyses and how import inspection personnel are to interpret laboratory results and take appropriate action.

FSIS Notice, Manufacture of Animal Food or Un-inspected Articles at Official Establishments

This notice provides instructions to inspection program personnel on the Agency policy and the responsibility of official establishments that manufacture animal food or similar uninspected article in the edible product department.

FSIS Notice, Scheduling FSAs and IVTs

This notice cancels FSIS Notice 78-08, reissues the majority of the instructions found in that notice, updates existing instructions, and provides instructions for performing IVTs and FSAs in response to positive RTE *Salmonella* results.

FSIS Notice, Ensuring Sample Integrity when Submitting Samples to the Laboratory for Residue Testing

This notice clarifies Agency policy for inspection program personnel to ensure sample integrity when they prepare samples from carcasses suspected of having violative levels of chemical residues for submission to the laboratories. This notice also makes it clear that establishment employees are not authorized to collect FSIS samples, and that only inspection program personnel may collect FSIS samples.

FSIS Notice, Verification Of Establishments' Response To Presumptive Positive Testing Results For Ready-To-Eat (RTE) Meat And Poultry Products

This notice instructs inspection program personnel to review establishments testing results for RTE meat and poultry products to ensure that the appropriate action is taken when product tests presumptive positive for *Listeria monocytogenes (Lm)*.

FSIS Notice, Compositing of Environmental Samples Collected During Routine Risk-Based *Listeria Monocytogenes* Sampling

This notice provides instructions to EIAOs for collecting environmental (non-food contact) samples during RLM sampling and completing the sample request form (FSIS Form 10,210-3). This notice informs the EIAO that the product identification code for environmental samples has been changed from RLMENVR to RLMENVC. These samples will be composited at the laboratory.

FSIS Notice, Proper Use of Certification Statements on Egg Product Inspection and Grading Certificates

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service allows egg products plants to use a disease free certification statement on the FSIS Form PY-200 (Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate). This notice advises FSIS inspection program personnel that the APHIS certification statement on PY-200 is only to be placed on egg products that are to be exported.

Compliance Guidelines Use of Video/Digital Recording as Records in Federally Inspected Establishments

This document provides guidance to industry on implications of using electronic video or digital recording equipment for monitoring their operations and facilities for various purposes.