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NEW CHECK BOX FOR RAW GROUND OR COMMINUTED BEEF OR VEAL PRODUCTS IN PBIS 5.1.3

This notice instructs inspection program personnel to update the establishment profile under PBIS 5.1.3 in order to identify establishments that produce raw ground or comminuted beef or veal products meeting the standard of identity in 9 CFR 319.15 (a), (b), or (c) and subject to verification testing for *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 (*E.coli* O157:H7) under MT03 project code. This update is necessary to ensure that FSIS is properly identifying those establishments that are subject to verification testing under MT03.

Products subject to sampling under MT03 include raw chopped fresh or frozen beef or ground beef, hamburger, veal patties, beef patties, and patty mix. A raw ground beef product that contains only beef or any amount of beef product derived from advanced meat recovery (AMR) systems is also considered a raw ground beef product that is subject to MT03.

NOTE: Fabricated beef steaks, veal steaks, partially defatted beef fatty tissue, and similar products under 9 CFR 319.15 (d) (e); any raw ground beef mixed with other species (pork or poultry); raw product comprised only of beef from AMR systems; fresh beef sausage, Italian sausage, and other raw beef sausage products; and raw ground beef meatballs are not subject to testing under MT03.

Inspection program personnel at establishments producing raw ground or comminuted beef or veal products that meet the standard of identity in 9 CFR 319.15(a), (b) or (c) and subject to sampling under MT03, are to update the establishment profile in PBIS version 5.1.3 by checking the **new** box that identifies specific raw ground products produced under the HACCP processing category 03B Raw Ground.

This new check box is located in the PBIS 5.1.3 Menu under Establishment Profile, Processing Tab Screen, HACCP Processing Categories, Raw Ground Product (03B), which identifies the processing categories and types of products.

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T/A Inspectors; Plant Mgt; T/A Plant
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NOTE: Inspection program personnel may continue to receive directed sample request forms for those establishments not producing product subject to *E.coli* O157:H7 testing for a short time until the PBIS system and the PREP System are fully updated. Also, FSIS intends to incorporate the information in this notice into FSIS Directive 10,010.1, Revision 1, entitled "Microbiological Testing Program And Other Verification Activities For *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 In Raw Ground Beef Products And Raw Ground Beef Components And Beef Patty Components."

Please refer any technical questions to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.

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