



An Overview of the FSIS Import Triad of Protection

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CONCERNS

- o Animal feed ingredients (melamine)
- o Beef trimmings (*E. coli* O157:H7)
- o Chicken products (avian influenza)

HAZARDS

- o Pathogens: *E. coli* O157:H7
- o Residues: Veterinary drugs
- o Contaminants: Dirt
- o Condition: Transportation damage

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

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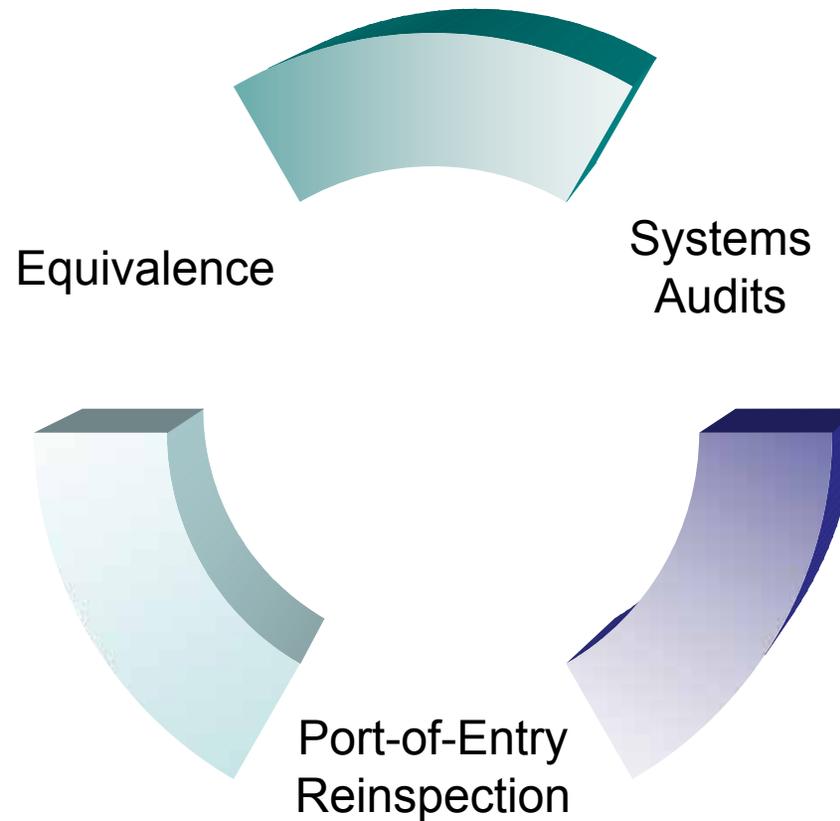
- Articulate policy
 - domestic inspection
 - “equal to”
 - “equivalent”

OBJECTIVE

To determine if a foreign inspection system has achieved and maintains equivalence to the U.S. inspection system, so that the U.S. appropriate level of protection is met.

CONTROLS

TRIAD OF PROTECTION



Evolution of Change for Improvement

- o FDA
- o Industry
- o Foreign governments

EQUIVALENCE

CURRENT

- o Initial equivalence
- o Continuing equivalence

EQUIVALENCE

FUTURE

- o Objective Outcomes ?
 - Hazard levels
 - Risk levels

AUDITS

CURRENT

- o In-country evaluation
- o Out-of-country evaluation

AUDITS

FUTURE

- o Broader collection of knowledge ?
 - 365-day audit
 - √ Inspection information
 - √ Affect on in-country audit scope and frequency
- o Country self-assessment ?

RE-INSPECTION

CURRENT

- o Routine
- o Directed
- o For cause

RE-INSPECTION

FUTURE

- o Directed ?
 - √ Equivalence determinations
 - √ Audit information

PHIS

- o Data input
- o Connection to ACE-ITDS
- o Target Center

ACTIONS

SUSPENSION

- o Products
- o Plants
- o Country

CONCLUSION

- o Real concerns
- o Real hazards
- o Real protection

FSIS Triad of Protection

- o Equivalence
- o Audits
- o Re-inspection



THANK YOU