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Use of Sample Seals for Laboratory Samples and Other Applications

I. PURPOSE

This directive provides for a unified system to ensure the integrity of samples submitted to laboratories for analysis or held for incubation in the establishment as agar plates. The uniform use of sample seals and identity labels ensures that sample integrity and identity are maintained. **(NOTE: THIS DIRECTIVE IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 16, 2002.)**

II. CANCELLATION

FSIS Directive 7355.1 Rev. 1, dated 10-20-92

III. REASON FOR RE-ISSUANCE

To update and clarify inspection program employees' responsibilities regarding sample integrity.

IV. REFERENCES

9 CFR Chapter III
FSIS 10,210.1, Amendment 3

V. DEFINITIONS

What are the terms used in this directive?

Primary containers – These are the containers that hold the actual sample, whether it be tissue, poultry wash, egg products or swabs. A primary container may be provided to the

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