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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROVISION IN THE BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) ONGOING SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

On August 23, 2006, FSIS issued FSIS Notice 51-06, Sample Collection from Cattle Under the Bovine spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) ongoing Surveillance Program, with an implementation date of August 27, 2006. Paragraph II A. 2. provided for the collection of brain samples from selected establishments where FSIS had condemned cattle 30 months of age and older at ante-mortem inspection for conditions other than central nervous system (CNS) disease. The sampling plan was based on an allocation tool developed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Until further notice, inspection program personnel will **not** collect brain samples under the provisions of Paragraph II. A. of FSIS Notice 51-06 except as follows: For cattle of any age that are condemned on antemortem for central nervous system (CNS) disease, the FSIS Public Health Veterinarian is to identify the animal with a "U. S. Condemned tag," ensure that it is humanely euthanized, and not allow it to move off the premise of the establishment. Then, the PHV is to contact the APHIS Area Veterinarian-In-Charge (AVIC) so the AVIC can collect the brain sample.

FSIS will notify inspection program personnel via a subsequent FSIS Notice when they will begin collecting samples under the provisions in paragraph II. A.

Refer questions to the Technical Assistance and Correlation Division, Technical Service Center, at 800-233-3935.



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