

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS NOTICE

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MANUAL SCHEDULING AND SUBMITTING RESIDUE SAMPLES AND CHANGE IN SAMPLE SIZE FOR IMPORTED MEAT, POULTRY AND EGG PRODUCTS

I. PURPOSE

This notice informs import inspection personnel that residue samples for imported meat, poultry, and egg products assigned at the normal level of reinspection will be scheduled by the Regional Import Field Supervisor (RIFS), independent of the Public Health Information System (PHIS). Residue samples assigned at the Increased and Intensified level of reinspection (LOR) will be assigned by PHIS and the associated forms completed in PHIS by import inspection personnel. This notice also informs import inspection personnel of the sample size change for multi-residue methods (MRM) samples. MRM samples of muscle tissue are two-pound samples. In addition, this notice instructs import inspection personnel to inform establishments, during the next weekly meeting, that FSIS is implementing new methods for analysis of residues and increasing the sample size for certain samples.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Beginning September 11, 2012, the RIFS will e-mail residue type-of-inspection (TOI) assignments for product subject to normal level of sampling directly to import inspection personnel. Import inspection personnel are to collect the appropriate tissue for the designated analyses to be submitted to the designated FSIS laboratory using FSIS Form 9770-2, Import Residue Program.

B. Other than the change in muscle tissue sample size to two pounds, there are no changes to the current sampling, packaging, and shipping procedures as outlined in [FSIS Directive 9000.6 Laboratory and Sampling Program for Imported Meat, Poultry and Egg Products](#)

III. IMPORT INSPECTION PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Regional Import Field Supervisors (RIFS)

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) Import Inspection Division (IID) Director is to provide the list of residue assignments for each region to each RIFS. The RIFS is responsible for notifying the import inspector by e-mail when residue samples need to be collected. The RIFS is to provide the country, species, process category, and TOI name for the assigned sample to import inspection personnel. The RIFS is to monitor whether the sample is collected and record the date and time he or she receives the e-mail message from import inspection personnel that the sample has been submitted. Instructions to import inspection personnel to send this e-mail message are in III, B, 4. below.

B. Import inspection personnel

1. Import inspection personnel, when directed by their supervisor to take a scheduled sample, are to collect a sample from the next lot assigned a product examination TOI for the designated country,

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species, and applicable product. The sample will not be entered as an unscheduled residue TOI in the PHIS.

2. Prior to collecting the sample, import inspection personnel are to refer to the Import Residue Sampling Requirements Table (Attachment 1) for the type of tissue to sample and the appropriate designated FSIS laboratory to which to submit the sample.
3. Import inspection personnel are to complete paper copies of the following forms:
 - a. FSIS form 9770-1, Official Receipt for Samples of Foreign Products Collected for Laboratory Analysis, for each application. The form is self-explanatory. For the AIIS Lot Identification No., import inspection personnel are to enter the PHIS Application and Lot Number (e.g., 23756-5).
 - b. FSIS form 9770-2, Import Residue Program, for each sample submitted to the designated laboratory. Form completion instructions are on the reverse of the form. For the AIIS Lot Identification No., import inspection personnel are to enter the PHIS Application and Lot Number (e.g., 23756-5).
4. When the sample has been selected and prepared for shipment to the lab, import inspection personnel are to send an e-mail to their RIFS. The subject line of the email is to include: a) country; b) species; c) name of the residue TOI submitted to the lab; and d) the PHIS application number and lot number.
5. Results from samples assigned by the RIFS will not be posted in PHIS or the Laboratory Electronic Application Results Notification (LEARN). Laboratory results will be forwarded from IID headquarters to the appropriate regional import e-mailbox. Import inspectors are to access their respective regional e-mailbox to retrieve the laboratory results and to determine disposition of the lot as follows:
 - a. Not Detected: Lot may be released if all other applicable TOIs are passed.
 - b. Detected – Non-Violative: Lot may be released if all other applicable TOIs are passed.
 - c. Detected – Violative: Notify your RIFS immediately. If the lot is available, place a regulatory control action on the lot.

IV. FSIS MULTI-RESIDUE METHODS (MRM)

A. The Agency has implemented multi-residue methods (MRM) for analyzing domestic and import samples of fresh products for animal drug residues, pesticides, and environmental contaminants. These modern, high-efficiency methods will enable FSIS to analyze each sample for more chemical compounds than was previously possible. Import inspection personnel are to select and submit MRM samples, as indicated in Attachment 1, on imported products when directed.

B. At the first weekly meeting following the issuance of this notice, import inspectors are to inform the establishment they are assigned to that: 1) FSIS is implementing new methods for analysis of MRM samples, FSIS will be collecting two pounds of muscle tissues, and there are no other changes to the current methods for sampling, packaging, and shipping; and, (2) the Federal *Register notice* announcing the changes is available on the FSIS website at: [Docket No. FSIS-2012-0012](#).

V. QUESTIONS

The Office of Policy and Program Development (OPPD), International Policy Division (IPD), will review questions in *askFSIS* for clarity, understanding, and effectiveness of policy issuances.

Direct all questions through your supervisor or submit your questions through *askFSIS* at <http://askfsis.custhelp.com>.

ASKFSIS QUESTIONS

Submit any questions about these procedures to askFSIS. When submitting a question, use the Submit a Question tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

Subject Field: Enter **Sample Size for Scheduled Samples**
Question Field: Enter your question with as much detail as possible.
Product Field: Select **Import** from the drop-down menu.
Category Field: Select **Basic Import Answers** from the drop-down menu.
Policy Arena: Select **International (Import/Export)** from the drop-down menu.

When all fields are complete, press the **Submit** button.



Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Policy and Program Development

THIS IMPORT RESIDUE SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

Residue Type Of Inspection (TOI)	Designated Laboratory	Sample Tissue/Size	Applicable Species
<p style="text-align: center;">Multi-Residue Methods - EL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MRM – 51 analytes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AMG – 9 Aminoglycoside analytes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Avermectins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arsenicals</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Metals</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chlormaphenicol</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Florfenicol</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eastern Laboratory</p> <p>Russell Research Center 950 College Station Road Athens, GA 30605 (706) 546-3576</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(706) 546-3383 / Fax</p>	<p>Single (2) lb Muscle Tissue Sample; or if Liver or Kidney, Single (1) lb Sample</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef • Pork • Veal • Goat • Lamb • Mutton • Chicken • Turkey
<p style="text-align: center;">Multi-Residue Methods - WL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MRM – 51 analytes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AMG – 9 Aminoglycoside analytes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pesticides/Herbicides</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beta-Agonists</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nitrofurans</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Western Laboratory</p> <p>620 Central Avenue, Bldg. 1 Alameda, CA 94501 (510) 814-3000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(510) 814-3090 / Fax</p>		
<p><u>Fresh/Frozen Products include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Raw Product – Non-Intact – Raw Product – Intact <p><u>Do Not Sample if:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Product is multi-ingredient – Product is practically all fat, skin or bone 		<p><u>Processed Products include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Thermally Processed – Commercially Sterile – Not Heat Treated – Shelf Stable – Heat Treated – Shelf – Stable – Fully Cooked – Not Shelf Stable – Heat Treated but Not Fully Cooked – Not Shelf Stable – Product with Secondary Inhibitors – Not Shelf Stable <p><u>Do Not Sample if:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Product is a combination product containing non-meat components such as a pastry shell, dough, etc, (i.e. pizza, ravioli, wonton, etc) – Product is multi-species – Product is practically all fat, skin or bone 	