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# FSIS NOTICE

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARCASS SELECTION FOR THE NATIONAL RESIDUE PROGRAM SCHEDULED SAMPLES

### I. PURPOSE

This notice reissues FSIS Notice 40-11. FSIS has revised the notice to remove reference to FAST tests and to include instructions for PHIS. When inspection program personnel (IPP) are directed to take a scheduled sample for residue surveillance, they are to select from all animals that have passed ante-mortem inspection, without regard to whether the animal may or may not pass post-mortem inspection. Specifically, IPP are to randomly select carcasses at the kill floor stage. Selection at this point ensures that the national residue program (NRP) includes the broadest range of animals. IPP are to continue to follow the procedures for sample collection and testing in [FSIS Directive 10,800.1](#), Chapter 4, "Procedures For Residue Sampling, Testing, And Other Responsibilities For The National Residue Program,"

### II. BACKGROUND

The results of NRP scheduled sampling provide FSIS and other agencies with a means to assess what animal drugs are being used in meat and poultry and a means to determine whether there are uses of illegal animal drugs. Including the broadest range of animals under the NRP scheduled sampling will help FSIS determine whether establishments are properly considering residues in their HACCP plans.

### III. FSIS PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. IPP are to randomly select carcasses at the kill floor stage regardless of post-mortem disposition. Specifically, IPP are to include all livestock passing ante-mortem inspection when collecting NRP scheduled samples.

B. When collecting NRP scheduled samples, IPP are not to select animals condemned on ante-mortem inspection because such animals are not permitted into the slaughter facility.

**NOTE:** These instructions apply only to random selection of carcasses for scheduled surveillance residue samples. IPP are to continue to perform the KIS™ test on all carcasses that warrant testing in accordance with existing policies (for certain pathological conditions, injection site lesions, or repetitive violative residues from a supplier).

C. If the same carcass is randomly selected for scheduled residue testing and also warrants sample submission from a positive KIS™ test, IPP are to perform both sampling tasks for that carcass and cross reference the samples in PHIS.

D. When entering the information into PHIS for a scheduled sample that is also KIS™ test positive, IPP are to cross reference the samples by entering into the remarks box, under the Sample Collection Data tab, "KIS™ test positive" and also enter the retain tag number in this box. For the KIS™ test positive sample submission, IPP are to cross reference the samples by entering in the remarks box, "Also

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submitted for a scheduled sample on form # (provide form #)". IPP are to make sure that they enter the retain tag number into the data field on both sample forms. IPP are to divide available tissue when required to submit with both forms, and the tissue is limited (e.g. one bob veal kidney or one half bob veal liver with each form).

E. FSIS will take regulatory action on violative results even if the carcass is condemned during post-mortem inspection.

#### IV. DATA ANALYSIS

The Chemical Residue Risk Staff (CRRS) within the Office of Public Health Science in conjunction with the Data Analysis and Integration Group (DAIG) within the Office of Data Integration and Food Protection (ODIFP) will analyze the Public Health Information System "Animal Status" information on a quarterly basis to determine whether carcasses are randomly selected for scheduled sampling, and condemned carcasses are not selected on a biased basis. Data will be reviewed to determine what trends exist by district, establishment, and species.

#### V. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice to Policy Development Division through [askFSIS](#) or by telephone at 1-800-233-3935. When submitting a question, use the Submit a Question tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

- Subject Field: Enter **Carcass Selection for the NRP**
- Question Field: Enter your question with as much detail as possible.
- Product Field: Select **General Inspection Policy** from the drop-down menu.
- Category Field: Select **Residue** from the drop-down menu.
- Policy Arena: Select **Domestic (U.S.) Only** from the drop-down menu.

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



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