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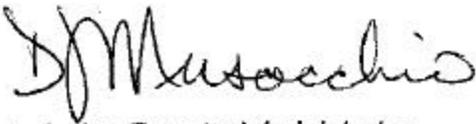
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**CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR RESOLVING INDUSTRY ACCUSATIONS
AGAINST BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES**

This notice changes the procedure that supervisory officials follow when an industry accusation is filed against a bargaining unit employee. The change provides FSIS with a uniform procedure for resolving industry accusations against bargaining and nonbargaining inspection personnel.

FSIS Directive 4735.7, Industry Accusations Against Inspection Personnel, prescribes procedures to be followed when an accusation is filed against an inspection employee. However, when the accusation is against an employee covered by a bargaining unit agreement, the directive instructs supervisory officials to follow the provisions of Article XXX, Section E of the Basic Agreement. This procedure has changed. The provisions in Article XXX, Section E of the National Basic Agreement no longer apply for bargaining unit employees effective October 1, 2002. Supervisory officials will now follow the specific procedures found in FSIS Directive 4735.7 for accusations against bargaining and nonbargaining unit employees.

FSIS Directive 4735.7 will be revised to remove all references to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.


for Acting Deputy Administrator
Office of Management

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