



## FSIS to Host Public Meeting of National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

USDA's National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) will meet March 29-30, 2016 at the Patriots Plaza III building located at 355 E St., SW in Washington, D.C. The objective of the public meeting is to review and determine the steps FSIS should take to ensure better *Listeria monocytogenes (Lm)* control at retail. FSIS is seeking input on whether FSIS should require certain actions by retail stores. NACMPI will also review and discuss whether FSIS should pursue mandatory features on the label of processed not ready to eat (NRTE) products that do not appear to be "Not Ready-To-Eat."

On March 29, the plenary session will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m., ET. Two subcommittees will meet concurrently from 1p.m. to 5 p.m., ET. The full committee will reconvene on March 30, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. The meeting agenda will be available at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/advisory-committees/nacmpi/nacmpi-meetings>.

Please register for the meeting at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/advisory-committees/nacmpi/nacmpi-meetings/nacmpi-registration>.

Established in 1971, the NACMPI provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning State and Federal programs with respect to meat, poultry, and processed egg products.

## Policy Updates

FSIS notices and directives on public health and regulatory issues are available at <http://www.fsis.usdagov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations>. The following policy updates were recently issued.

**Notice 20-16** - *Agriculture Travel Regulation*

**Notice 21-16** - *Annual Reminder for Records Management Responsibilities*

**Docket No. FSIS-2016-0003** - *Codex Alimentarius Commission - Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Labeling*

**Docket No. FSIS-2016-0007** - *Notice of Request To Renew an Approved Information Collection (Registration Requirements)*

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### Export Requirement Updates



The Library of Export Requirements has been updated for the following countries:

- Canada
- Chile
- European Union
- Peru
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Ukraine

For a complete list of countries, visit <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products>.

# Validation Requirements for Small and Very Small Plants Go Into Effect

Last year, FSIS published a *Federal Register* notice announcing the availability of its final revision of the Compliance Guideline for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems validation. The guideline includes information to aid small and very small establishments in meeting the initial HACCP system validation requirements in 9 CFR 417.4. The guidance is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a70bb780-e1ff-4a35-9a9a-3fb40c8fe584/HACCP\\_Systems\\_Validation.pdf?MOD=AJPERES](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a70bb780-e1ff-4a35-9a9a-3fb40c8fe584/HACCP_Systems_Validation.pdf?MOD=AJPERES).

As a reminder, FSIS will begin verifying that small and very small establishments meet all validation requirements on April 4, 2016.

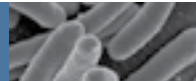
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### Update: FSIS Testing for *E. coli*



FSIS posts bi-weekly updates of the Agency's raw ground beef *E. coli* sampling program. Included are testing results of raw ground beef component samples for *E. coli* O157:H7 and STECs from FSIS routine and follow-up sampling programs. Also featured is data for non-O157 STECs by each non-O157 STEC serogroup.

Between June 4, 2012 and March 20, 2016, FSIS laboratory services analyzed a total of 12,886 beef trim samples (11,056 domestic and 1,830 imported), 3,245 routine follow-up samples (3,131 domestic and 114 imported), and 326 non-routine follow-up/traceback samples. One-hundred and fifty samples were found to be positive; 85 were domestic trim samples, four were imported trim samples, 57 were domestic follow-up samples, and four were non-routine follow-up/traceback samples. To date, three samples have been positive for both O157:H7 and at least one non-O157 STEC strain, and eight samples have been positive for two different non-O157 O-groups.

To review testing results, visit the *E. coli* data tables at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/ec/>.

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