



Reminder: Educational Meetings on the Implementation of Siluriformes Inspection

On June 16, 2017, FSIS announced two educational meetings—one on June 27, 2017 in Richmond, Va. and the second on July 20, 2017 in Baltimore, Md.—to discuss the enforcement and implementation of the Final Rule on the “Mandatory Inspection of Fish of the order Siluriformes and Products Derived from such Fish.” The primary objectives of the meetings are to provide updated information to stakeholders and to encourage dialogue between FSIS and the Siluriformes fish industry. FSIS is particularly interested in soliciting participation from representatives from domestic wild-caught operations that process Siluriformes fish and fish products. Affected industry and interested individuals, organizations and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the meetings.

Persons wishing to attend are encouraged to register in advance. The cutoff dates for pre-registration are as follows: Richmond, Va. – June 26, 2017 and Baltimore, Md. – July 18, 2017. The recently published *Federal Register* Notice (FRN) announcing the Educational Meetings provides Friday, June 23, 2017 as the pre-registration cutoff date for the Richmond, Va. meeting. However, the Agency will accept pre-registrations until June 26, 2017.

The first meeting will be held on June 27, 2017 from 9.00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m. ET in Richmond, Va. at the Hilton Richmond Downtown hotel, located at 501 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219. For directions and parking instructions, please visit <http://www.richmonddowntown.hilton.com>. On-site registration will begin at 8.30 a.m. ET. The second meeting will take place on July 20, 2017 from 9.00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m. ET in Baltimore, Md. at the Sheraton Baltimore Washington International Hotel, located at 1100 Old Elkridge Landing Rd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. For directions and parking instructions, please visit <http://www.sheratonbwiairport.com/>. On-site registration will begin at 8.30 a.m. ET.

To pre-register for either meeting, please visit <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings>. For further information, please feel free to contact Evelyn Arce, Outreach and Partnership Division, Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training via telephone (202-418-8903), Fax (202-690-6519) or E-mail: Evelyn.Arce@fsis.usda.gov regarding additional information about these meetings, or to arrange for special accommodations.

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Export Requirements Updates

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

- Chile
- Honduras
- Israel
- Kazakhstan
- Nicaragua
- People’s Republic of China
- Republic of Korea
- Taiwan

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

USDA Halts Import of Raw Intact Beef from Brazil

On June 22, 2017, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the suspension of all imports of raw intact beef from Brazil because of recurring concerns about the safety of the products intended for the American market. For more information, please see the USDA press release at:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAO/bulletins/1a499f9>.

Editor's Correction for Volume 20, Number 36

In the June 16, 2017 issue of the *Constituent Update* in the story "FSIS Announces Proposed Rule on Eligibility of the People's Republic of China to Export Poultry Products to the United States," FSIS incorrectly stated that the U.S. domestic annual production volume of RTE fully-cooked poultry is about 12.3 trillion pounds. The correct value is 12.3 billion pounds. The language indicating that the projected cooked poultry products from the PRC would only be about 2.6 percent of total U.S. production in the next five years is correct. The poundage has been corrected in the online version of the June 16, 2017 issue of the *Constituent Update*.

Policy Updates

FSIS notices and directives on public health and regulatory issues are available at

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations>. The following policy update was recently issued:

Directive 7111.1 Rev. 1 - Verification Procedures for Lethality and Stabilization

Get Answers at AskFSIS

AskFSIS is a web-based technology and policy question-and-answer forum on topics such as exporting, labeling, inspection, programs and procedures. In addition, *AskFSIS* offers Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds that link back to the Q and As.

To view recently posted topics, please visit <http://askfsis.custhelp.com/>.

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