

Reimbursable Service Resources

Background

The FMIA, PPIA, and EPIA specify inspections that must be performed to ensure that meat, poultry and egg products are not adulterated and are properly labeled. FSIS does not collect fees for these mandatory inspection services at official establishments and plants, except for holiday and overtime pay.

In addition to mandatory inspection, FSIS provides inspection services to accommodate business needs, such as providing certifications necessary to meet requirements of importing countries. Fees are collected from all facilities (including official establishments) that request inspection and certification services that are not required by the statutes. These types of inspection services, called voluntary reimbursable services, are authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act.

Export Certification Services

When performed in official establishments the issuance of export certificates that are required by 9 CFR Part 322 and 381.104 through 381.111 are not reimbursable services. However, services are reimbursable when provided to certify that product for export to a foreign country meets a standard or requirement not imposed by FSIS regulations. For example, the time required to accomplish activities such as Export Verification (see FSIS Notice 09-06) and the execution of certifications that are in addition to FSIS regulatory requirements are reimbursable.

A purchaser, supplier, and exporter can request export certification services either on the premises of the official establishment or on premises other than the official establishment as set out in 9 CFR 322(a). When export certification services are provided on premises other than official establishment, the time required to render such service, including travel time used in connection with providing the service, is reimbursable.

Fees for all reimbursable services are charged for the time required to render such service. In addition, charges may be made to cover the time required for Inspection Program Employees to research specific foreign country requirements.

If you have questions about reimbursable services, contact OPPD at (402) 221-7400 or [askFSIS](#)