# PREVENTING CARGO THEFT AND CONTAMINATION OF MEAT, POULTRY, AND EGG PRODUCTS



Preventing intentional contamination of meat, poultry, and egg products during transportation protects public health. Everyone in the transport industry can minimize the risk of tampering or other malicious actions.



YOU can minimize the risk of theft or tampering with your vigilance.

### 2. INDICATORS

#### **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:**

Fictitious pickups, person(s) gathering information through unusual questions, photography, videotaping; unscheduled pickup/deliveries.



### **SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES:**

Cloned vehicles (e.g., vinyl logos, false number), vehicle appears to be following you.



### **SUSPICIOUS CARGO:**

Broken/missing/mismatched seals (if required), open/missing boxes; unusual appearance, smells or liquids leaking; signs of tampering (e.g., hinges); reefer not working.



### **SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR:**

Driver nervousness, unwilling to show ID, shipper only uses cell phone numbers.



## 1. THREATS

- Insider threat(e.g., disgruntled employee)
- Extremist group (e.g., eco-terrorist, animal rights groups)
- Hijacking
- Cyber security(e.g., GPS jamming, online boards)
- Double-brokering, pop-up firms

### 3. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### HAVE A FOOD DEFENSE PLAN!

#### **TRAINING:**

How to prevent hijacking, food defense practices, shipping & cybersecurity procedures, how to identify cloned vehicles & fictitious pickups.

### **SECURITY PROCEDURES:**

Use seals/locks, tracking tech (GPS, RFID); vet the drivers & carriers; park vehicle in secure areas; coordinate with local law enforcement.

### **INCOMING/OUTGOING:**

Verify driver ID against paperwork & photocopy, seal integrity & number, placards are correct, no temporary plates, check company name on truck, take pictures of truck, placards, license plates. Have standards for documents between carriers & brokers; reject suspicious products; supervise loading/unloading.



### 4. REPORT CARGO THEFT

Notify law enforcement and follow company procedures. (Also, notify the carrier and broker)

\*If it involves a USDA FSIS-regulated product, notify FSIS District Management.

### **FSIS FOOD DEFENSE GUIDANCE**

Website: <a href="mailto:www.fsis.usda.gov/FoodDefense@usda.gov">www.fsis.usda.gov/FoodDefense@usda.gov</a>
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"If You See Something, Say Something"™

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