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Module 5. Processing Authorities

Thermal Processing for Meat and Poultry
Products Training



Process Authority or Process Expert



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- What does this term mean?
- Who are they?
- What does a process authority do?



Definition of Processing Authority



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- Processing authorities are defined in 9 CFR 431.1
- They include a person or persons:
 - having expert knowledge of thermal process or acidification requirements
 - having access to facilities for making thermal process determinations
 - designated by the processor to perform certain functions



Processing Authority



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- A processing authority
 - can be employee of firm
 - can be outside person or organization



Processing Authority



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- FSIS
 - does not publish a list of processing authorities
 - recognizes the work, not the person performing the work
 - is familiar with individuals and organizations performing this type of work



Processing Authority Functions



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1. Processing authorities perform temperature distribution tests using detailed protocols.
2. Processing authorities do heat penetration tests using detailed protocols, calculate processes, and recommend process schedules
3. Processing authorities evaluate process deviations using established protocols and provide product dispositions



CSI and Process Authority



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- Deal directly with establishment management
- Collect information to answer your questions
- Detailed information can be obtained at the request of FSIS
- Work in cooperation with industry to resolve problems



Questions



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Questions?

