



FSIS Announces Webinar for Posting Individual *Salmonella* Category Status for Poultry Carcass Establishments

On Jan. 16, FSIS will host a webinar from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET about the posting of individual *Salmonella* category status for poultry carcass establishments. The webinar will provide an overview of FSIS' sampling practices and explain the category determination process, the expectations for establishments in Category 3 and the time frame as to when FSIS will publicly update the data on its website. To access the webinar, visit <http://ems8.intellor.com/login/802583> and follow the on-screen instructions. Use the following information when logging on: Meeting Number: 1-877-369-5243 or 1-617-668-3633, Access Code: 0952499. Please be sure to log on as a participant. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the website upon availability. For questions, contact Jeremy "Todd" Reed at jeremy.reed@fsis.usda.gov.

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 updates were recently issued:

- Notice 01-18** - *Follow-up Sampling in Poultry Carcass Establishments not Meeting a Salmonella Performance Standard*
- Notice 02-18** - *Update to Sampling Supplies for Routine Risk Based Lm Sampling and IVT Programs*
- Directive 3410.3 Rev. 6** - *Reimbursement Procedures for Inspection Expenditures*
- Directive 7120.1 Rev. 44** - *Safe and Suitable Ingredients Used in the Production of Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products*

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Export Requirements Updates

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

- El Salvador
- People's Republic of China

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

PHIS Export Component Information for Industry Available on FSIS Website

Beginning in June, FSIS intends to provide automated export documentation to Afghanistan, Andorra, Australia, Bahamas, Bolivia, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cook Islands, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Paraguay, San Marino, Tanzania, Uganda, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and then gradually expand implementation to additional countries.

As a reminder to those working to develop their XML schema to support the export application batch processing, the test environment will close on Jan. 5. The Agency will make the Industry Testing Environment (ITE) available in February, to test the entire automated export functionality and continue developing the XML schema.

Information about these efforts and the Export component is available on the FSIS website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/inspection/phis/phis>. Please continue to monitor this website for any upcoming information. For all questions and issues concerning the XML schema development, please continue to contact the FSIS Service Desk at 800-473-9135, then select prompt 1, followed by prompt 3. For other questions concerning the PHIS export functionality, Industry may submit those to PHISTechnicalQA@fsis.usda.gov.

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