



## FSIS Posts Individual Category Status and Aggregate Results for Poultry Carcasses, Chicken Parts, and Comminuted Poultry Tested for *Salmonella*

As announced in the Nov. 9, 2018 *Federal Register* ([83 FR 56046](#)), FSIS has revised the categorization procedures relative to pathogen reduction performance standards. The web-posted establishment category status for *Salmonella* is based on FSIS sample results during the 52-week window ending the last Saturday of the previous month (Oct. 29, 2017 – Oct. 27, 2018), rather than on results during the last 13 completed 52-week windows. In addition, FSIS is no longer including follow-up sampling results when determining establishment category status.

Using the revised categorization procedures, FSIS has posted the individual establishments' category status on its website at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/salmonella-verification-testing-program/establishment-categories> and will maintain the last six months of historical establishment-specific categorization data on the website, as it becomes available. In addition to individual establishment carcass performance categorization, as announced on Oct. 26, 2018 in the [Constituent Update](#), FSIS has also begun posting the individual establishment *Salmonella* performance standard category information for raw chicken parts and comminuted poultry products.

Additionally, FSIS has posted the aggregate sampling results showing the number of establishments in categories 1, 2, or 3 for establishments producing young chicken or turkey carcasses, raw chicken parts or not ready-to-eat (NRTE) comminuted poultry products at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/salmonella-verification-testing-program/aggregate-data>.

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# U.S.-Canada RCC Stakeholder Forum to be Held in Early December

On Dec. 4-5, 2018, the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Stakeholder Forum will bring together senior regulatory officials, industry, and other members of the public from both sides of the U.S.-Canada border. Canadian and U.S. regulators will provide progress reports on existing regulatory cooperation efforts and solicit public input on new opportunities for regulatory cooperation. The RCC promotes economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation through the elimination of unnecessary regulatory differences between our two countries.

The forum will take place at the Washington Convention Center at 801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C., 20001. Additional information and an agenda is available at: <https://www.trade.gov/rcc>. To RSVP, click [here](#).

For questions about the registration or in general, please contact [rcd-dcmr@tbs-sct.gc.ca](mailto:rcd-dcmr@tbs-sct.gc.ca) or [international-OIRA@omb.eop.gov](mailto:international-OIRA@omb.eop.gov).

## Establishment Specific Dataset Now Available

FSIS has posted a new establishment specific dataset on the FSIS website as announced in the *Federal Register* on July 14, 2016 (Docket No. FSIS-2014-0032). This is the full dataset of FSIS' routine microbiological sampling of raw chicken parts. Prior to publishing this dataset, the sample dataset and corresponding data dictionary were posted on Aug. 10, 2018 and comments were sought until Sept. 21, 2018. FSIS updates existing datasets quarterly and this dataset will next be updated in January 2019.

Additional details can be found at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/data/fsis-datasets>.

## 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 62-18** - *Performance Award Distribution for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees*

**Notice 63-18** - *Transition to USDA Government MasterCard Travel Credit Card*

**Docket No. FSIS-2018-0040** - *Notice of Request for a New Information Collection: Stakeholder Input on Federal Outreach To Control Listeria Monocytogenes at Retail*

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## Export Requirements Updates

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

Argentina  
Japan  
New Caledonia  
Morocco  
Republic of Korea  
Singapore  
South Africa  
Taiwan  
Western Samoa

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