



## FSIS Releases Import Guidance for Comment

FSIS has published and is requesting comment on guidance for importing meat, poultry, and egg products into the United States. The guidance and related *Federal Register* notice can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/07/07/2017-14287/availability-of-fsis-guidance-for-importing-meat-poultry-and-egg-products-into-the-united-states>. FSIS intends for this guidance to help U.S. importers, customs brokers, official import inspection establishments, egg products plants, and other interested persons understand and comply with FSIS import requirements. The guidance represents current FSIS thinking, and FSIS will update it as necessary to reflect comments received and any additional information that becomes available. Interested persons should submit comments no later than Sept. 5, 2017.

Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this webpage or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.
- Mail, CD-ROMs: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza III, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163B, Washington, D.C. 20250-3700.
- Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to Patriots Plaza III, 355 E Street SW, Room 8-163A, Washington, D.C. 20250-3700.

All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2017-0020. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information to <http://www.regulations.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 35-17** - *Disposition Instructions for "Woody Breast" and "White Striping" Poultry Conditions*
- Directive 8140.1** - *Notice of Receipt of Adulterated or Misbranded Product*
- Directive 1306.22** - *International and Domestic Use Of FSIS Government-Furnished Equipment*
- Docket No. FSIS-2017-0024** - *Import Reinspection of Fish of the Order Siluriformes*

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### Export Requirements Updates

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

- Chile
- Curacao
- European Union
- French Polynesia
- Honduras
- Israel
- New Caledonia
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- Republic of Korea
- United Arab Emirates

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

# Establishment Specific Datasets 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 Beef Trim. Prior to publishing this dataset, the sample dataset and corresponding data dictionary were posted on May 5, 2017 and comments were sought until June 16, 2017. FSIS updates existing datasets quarterly, approximately the first Friday of the next quarter, so this dataset will next be updated in October 2017.

The quarterly updates to other establishment specific datasets are now available on the FSIS website:

- Establishment Demographic Data, which supplements the existing MPI Directory
- Ready-to-Eat (RTE) Meat and Poultry Sampling Data
- Egg Product Sampling Data
- Raw Ground Beef Sampling Data

The next new dataset that FSIS will post will be on FSIS' routine microbiological sampling of Beef Components. The sample dataset and data dictionary will be posted on the FSIS website on Aug. 4, 2017.

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

## FSIS Posts Updated PHIS Export XML Specification

In preparation for June 29, 2018 PHIS Automated Export implementation, the Agency has posted its Public Health Information System (PHIS) Preliminary Batch Export XML Specification, version 2 and a XSD schema for industry stakeholders. These documents replace previous documents disseminated during its PHIS webinar held on March 27, 2017. For more information, please visit <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/phis>.

We encourage you to visit our FSIS website for PHIS - Export information routinely, as we will use it as a means to share updated information. For questions concerning the XSD/XML templates, design, troubleshooting and performance, please send an email to the PHISTechnicalQA@fsis.usda.gov. For questions on PHIS access, contact the FSIS Service Desk at 1-800-473-9135. For export policy questions, please visit askFSIS at <https://askfsis.custhelp.com>.

## Get Answers at AskFSIS

AskFSIS is a web-based technology and policy question-and-answer forum on topics such as exporting, labeling, inspection, programs and procedures. In addition, AskFSIS offers Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds that link back to the Q and As.

To view recently posted topics, please visit <http://askfsis.custhelp.com/>.

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# Reminder: Educational Meeting on the Implementation of Siluriformes Inspection

On June 16, 2017, FSIS announced two educational meetings—the first one occurred on June 27, 2017 in Richmond, Va. and the second is scheduled to take place on July 20, 2017 in Baltimore, Md. The primary objectives of the meetings are to provide updated information to stakeholders and to encourage dialogue between FSIS and the Siluriformes fish industry. FSIS is particularly interested in soliciting participation from representatives from domestic wild-caught operations that process Siluriformes fish and fish products. Affected industry and interested individuals, organizations and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the meetings.

Persons wishing to attend are encouraged to register in advance. The cutoff date for pre-registration for the meeting in Baltimore, Md. is July 18, 2017. The meeting will take place on July 20, 2017 from 9.00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET in Baltimore, Md. at the Sheraton Baltimore Washington International Hotel, located at 1100 Old Elkridge Landing Rd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. For directions and parking instructions, please visit <http://www.sheratonbwiairport.com/>. On-site registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. ET.

To pre-register please visit <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings>. For further information, please feel free to contact Evelyn Arce, Outreach and Partnership Division, Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training via telephone (202-418-8903), fax (202-690-6519) or email: [Evelyn.Arce@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Evelyn.Arce@fsis.usda.gov) regarding additional information about these meetings or to arrange for special accommodations.