



AskFSIS to Handle Questions on Siluriformes

Now that the transition period for FSIS inspection of catfish and other fish of the order Siluriformes ended on Sept. 1, 2017, askFSIS will handle all policy questions related to the topic. AskFSIS is a web-based technology and policy question-and-answer forum on topics such as exporting, labeling, inspection, programs, procedures and now on fish of the order Siluriformes. To submit a question to AskFSIS, please visit <http://askfsis.custhelp.com/> or call 1-800-233-3935. The askFISH mailbox, where policy questions on Siluriformes have been answered, will no longer be monitored after March 31, 2018.

Operational questions about inspection in fish establishments should be submitted to the applicable District Office Siluriformes point of contact. The District Office Siluriformes points of contacts are found in Attachment 4 of [FSIS Directive 14000.1, Consumer Safety Inspector Responsibilities at Fish Establishments](#). General District Office contact information can be found [here](#).

Policy Updates

FSIS notices and directives on public health and regulatory issues are available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/topics/regulations>. The following policy updates were recently issued:

Notice 15-18 - *Public Health Regulations and Alerts for Use in Determining Inspection Program Personnel Actions and Public Health Risk Evaluation Scheduling in Meat and Poultry Establishments*

Notice 16-18 - *Annual Notice to High-Mileage Drivers*

Notice 17-18 - *Delayed Implementation of Verification of Appendix A and B*

Docket No. FSIS-2015-0015 - *Privacy Act of 1974; New System of Records*

Docket No. FSIS-2018-0003 - *Notice of Request for Revision to an Approved Information Collection (Public Health Information System)*

Docket No. FSIS-2018-0007 - *Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling*

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Export Requirements Updates

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

- Jamaica
- Japan
- Peru
- Republic of Korea

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

PHIS Quick Reference Guide Available on FSIS Website

FSIS announced in a *Constituent Update* in January that the software that runs PHIS reports was upgraded. All of the functionality of PHIS reports remains the same, but users may notice some changes like different icons or menus. A Quick Reference Guide is now posted at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/topics/inspection/phis/phis>.

FSIS to Include Additional Establishment Categorization Information in PHIS

FSIS has updated the Public Health Information System (PHIS) Establishment Profile Reports to include the current *Salmonella* performance categorization for chicken parts, comminuted chicken and comminuted turkey. This information will be in addition to categorization for chicken carcasses and turkey carcasses, which are already available in the report. Categorization in PHIS will be updated weekly and is available to authorized establishment personnel through the industry PHIS access portal.

FSIS Shares Updated Application for Export Certificate

For industry awareness and planning purposes, FSIS is sharing a copy of the revised Application for Export Certificate (FSIS Form 9060-6) that will be implemented for all countries on June 29, 2018. A copy of the 9060-6, including form instructions, can be found here: [FSIS Form 9060-6: Application for Export Certificate](#).

Sharing the new 9060-6 follows the [March 16, 2018, Constituent Update](#), in which FSIS circulated copies of the revised FSIS Form 9060-5 export certificate series.

Because it is not possible to have two versions of the 9060-6 in public circulation, exporters must begin using the revised 9060-6 to apply for export certificates to all countries on June 29, 2018. This includes both of those countries for which export forms will be sent through the PHIS export component and those that are not yet included in the PHIS export component.

As stated in [FSIS' September 2017 Federal Register notice](#), FSIS has made limited revisions to the data elements and formatting of the FSIS Form 9060-6, to make the form more user friendly, better align with commonly accepted international guidance and ensure importing country requirements are met.

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