



## FSIS Extends Comment Period on Revised *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* Categorization Procedures

In response to requests from stakeholders, FSIS is extending the comment period by 30 days for public input on its revised categorization and follow-up sampling procedures relative to pathogen reduction performance standards. The comment period will now end on Jan. 9, 2019. The original request for comment, "[Changes to the \*Salmonella\* and \*Campylobacter\* Verification Testing Program: Revised Categorization and Follow-up Sampling Procedures](#)," appeared in the *Federal Register* on Nov. 9, 2018, and the original comment period was scheduled to close on Dec. 10, 2018.

As announced in the above *Federal Register* notice, FSIS will proceed with implementing the revised procedures for the Nov. 23, 2018 category web posting. Categorization will be based on one 52-week window and will exclude FSIS follow-up sampling results. The extension will give interested persons additional time to develop and submit comments to help FSIS improve the effectiveness of agency policy.

Comments may be submitted online via the federal eRulemaking portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>; by mail including CD-ROMs sent to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mailstop 3758, Room 6065, Washington, D.C., 20250-3700 or by hand-or courier delivery to 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 6065, Washington, D.C., 20250-3700. All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the agency name and docket number FSIS-2018-0043.

## 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 update was recently issued:

**Notice 61-18** - *Training Requirement For International Travel*

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## FSIS Posts Updated Dataset on Imports

FSIS has updated the publicly posted dataset on import refusals for products regulated by FSIS. Federal law requires every commercial shipment of imported meat, poultry, and egg products to be inspected prior to product entering U.S. commerce. FSIS inspects each shipment to verify labeling, proper certification, general condition, any signs of tampering and to identify product adulterated by transportation damage. FSIS also performs additional activities on a random and or for-cause basis such as physical product examination and laboratory sampling for pathogens and chemical residues.

Any product that does not meet FSIS requirements is refused entry, and the importer has up to 45 days (30 days for egg products) to have the product destroyed for use as human food, re-exported or returned to the foreign country, converted to animal food, or brought into compliance with FSIS requirements, if applicable (e.g., relabeled, remarked, replacement certificate).

This dataset is updated around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and contains each shipment with product that was refused entry. For more information, please visit: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/data>.

## FSIS Posts Next Set of Establishment Specific Datasets

FSIS is preparing to publish the next set of establishment specific datasets as announced in the *Federal Register* on July 14, 2016 ([Docket No. FSIS-2014-0032](#)). Prior to publishing these datasets, FSIS is making sample datasets available. The sample dataset and corresponding data dictionary on raw comminuted chicken sampling results can be found at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/data/datasets-laboratory-sampling>. Please visit <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments to Docket FSIS- FSIS-2014-0032 by Dec. 28, 2018. FSIS intends to publish the full dataset on Jan. 11, 2019. Additional details can be found in the [FSIS Establishment-Specific Data Release Strategic Plan](#).

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## Export Requirements Updates

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

Japan  
Nicaragua  
New Caledonia  
Morocco  
Republic of Korea  
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>.