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FSIS NOTICE

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACE SHIELDS THAT ATTACH TO THE HELMET

I. PURPOSE

As set forth in [FSIS Notice 27-20](#), *FSIS Availability of Cloth Face Coverings, Disposable Masks, and Face Shields*, IPP are required to wear a cloth face covering or disposable face mask in conjunction with a face shield. The Agency is issuing this FSIS Notice to notify employees of the availability of face shields that attach to the helmets and that comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Centers for Disease Control Meat and Poultry Packing Industry [Interim Guidance from CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#).

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACE SHIELDS THAT ATTACH TO HELMETS

A. The Material Management Service Center (MMSC) will be ready to ship face shields manufactured by Open Works that attach to the helmets beginning the end of May. Inspection program personnel (IPP) are to put on, take off, clean, sanitize, and de-fog the Open Works shield in accordance with the instructions set forth in InsideFSIS at: [Face Shields Instructions](#) (level 2 e-authorization is needed to access this site).

B. IPP who have not yet received a face shield can pre-order them via the MMSC ordering system by referencing the item number: **FSIS-90 - Open Works Face Shields (Attachable to the Helmet)**.

C. The MMSC will receive an additional shipment of face shields manufactured by ERB Safety in early June. FSIS will post instructions on how to put on, take off, clean, sanitize, and de-fog the ERB Safety face shield on InsideFSIS at: [Face Shields Instructions](#) (level 2 e-authorization is needed to access this site) prior to the arrival of the shipment.

D. IPP who are currently wearing the face shields that do not attach to the helmets are to begin pre-ordering the ERB Safety face shields from the MMSC referencing item number: **FSIS-90A - ERB Safety Face Shields (Attachable to the Helmet)**.

E. In the future, if FSIS receives face shields that attach to helmets from manufacturers other than the two above, FSIS will post the instructions on how to install, take off, clean, sanitize, and de-fog the face shield in InsideFSIS at: [Face Shields Instructions](#) (level 2 e-authorization is needed to access this site).

F. To prevent the face shield from fogging up, IPP can:

1. Order anti-fog wipes from the MMSC referencing item number: **FSIS-57 - Anti-Fog Wipes**;
2. Order an anti-fog spray kit from a commercial supplier referencing item number: **FSIS-57A - Anti-Fog Spray Kit with Microfiber Cleaning Cloth**; or

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3. Use home remedies as set forth in the instructions for cleaning, disinfecting, and de-fogging the face shield found in the instructions for the specific manufacturer's shield.

Refer questions through supervisory channels.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rachel A. Edelstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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