



FSIS to Hold a Webinar on Exports in the Public Health Information System (PHIS) for Industry Stakeholders

FSIS will be conducting a webinar on the new Export component that will be implemented in June 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to demonstrate how the export design will process meat and poultry applications and issue export certificates.

This webinar will be available both in-person and online via teleconference. The in-person event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, at USDA, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., in the rear of the Cafeteria. If you are attending via teleconference, call-in information will be sent to registered participants at a time closer to the event.

To register for this event, please send an email to nina.anand@fsis.usda.gov. Please provide your name, name of company, mailing address, contact number, email address and indicate if you are attending in person or via teleconference. Please register by Feb.7, 2017.

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Export Requirement Updates

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

- France
- Ivory Coast
- Japan
- Mexico
- Republic of Korea

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

Policy Updates

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

Notice 05-17 - *Eligibility of Italy to Export Raw Pork to the United States*

Docket No. FSIS-2014-0024 - *Revision of the Nutrition Facts Labels for Meat and Poultry Products*

Docket No. FSIS-2016-0049 - *Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives*

FSIS Posts Updated Quarterly Sampling Results

Updated sampling results for FSIS-regulated products are now available on the FSIS website. Quarterly, FSIS calculates prevalence, volume weighted percent positive or percent positive for microbial pathogens in FSIS regulated products that the agency currently samples. The values are calculated using the prior 12 months of sampling data and are available for raw beef, raw pork, raw chicken, raw turkey, processed eggs and ready-to-eat products. For more information, please visit <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/sampling-project-results/results>.

Food Recalls and Alerts

For information regarding recalls, please contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Staff at (202) 720-9113. You can also receive e-mail notifications when public health alerts and recalls are issued by registering at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>

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UPDATE:

FSIS Testing for *E.coli*



FSIS posts biweekly updates of the Agency's raw ground beef *E. coli* sampling program, which includes testing results of raw ground beef component samples for *E. coli* O157:H7 and Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STECs) from FSIS routine and follow-up sampling programs. Data are also presented for non-O157 STECs by each non-O157 STEC serogroup.

Between June 4, 2012 and Jan. 22, 2017, FSIS laboratory services analyzed a total of 16,383 beef trim samples (14,048 domestic and 2,335 imported), 3,788 routine follow-up samples (3,674 domestic and 114 imported) and 327 non-routine follow-up/traceback samples. One-hundred eighty-one samples were found to be positive. 108 were domestic trim samples, six were imported trim samples, 63 were domestic follow-up samples and four were non-routine follow-up/traceback samples. To date, three samples have been positive for both O157:H7 and at least one non-O157 STEC strain and ten samples have been positive for two different non-O157 O-groups. To review testing results, visit the *E. coli* data tables at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/ec>.