

## CHANGE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Unified Sampling Form

10,210.1  
Amend. 4

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### I. PURPOSE

This change transmittal issues new microbiology sampling codes. This is necessary to reflect the sampling programs established in FSIS Directive 10,240.3.

### II. CANCELLATION

This transmittal is cancelled when contents have been incorporated into FSIS Directive 10,210.1.

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### FILING INSTRUCTION

#### Remove Old Pages

17, 18, 19, and 20

#### Insert New Pages

17, 18, 19, 20, 20a, and 20b

**Product Sampling - Microbiology  
Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products**

Project Numbers	INTPROD FINTPROD (Follow-up sampling for INTPROD positive samples)
Program Title	Intensified Sampling of High and Medium Risk Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
Analyzed for	<i>Salmonella</i> AND <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> If the product is a dry or semi-dry fermented sausage, it will also be analyzed for <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7.
Product to Sample	Deli-type products, either sliced at the establishment or to be sliced at the consumer level, hot dog-type products (products produced under 9CFR319.180), and products that have not been formulated or are not produced and distributed under conditions validated to prevent the growth of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , produced either in establishments that do not have a science-based program addressing <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , or does have such a program but does not share the data from these programs with FSIS.
Collection Instructions	Randomly collect one sample for each sample request form received, <b>all from the same lot of product</b> . For each sample, collect enough INTACT product so that at least TWO pounds of product are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. If an intact sample of the product is too large to submit to the laboratory, ask the establishment to slack fill or short weight a package to two pounds. If this is not possible, contact the laboratory to see if a larger shipping container is available. If not, submit the sample request form to the lab with block 33 marked code 53, other reason for non-collection, with the appropriate explanation. Ship the samples to the lab only after the establishment has completed its pre-shipment review.
Sample Request Form	Fill out the form according to the instructions on pages 5 - 7 of this directive (FSIS Directive 10,210.1). Place the sample request form and a copy of the label in a plastic bag and place the plastic bag into the shipping container with the sample and seal per FSIS Directive 7355.1, rev. 2. If no sample is collected, complete Block 33 and mail the form to the laboratory listed in Block 9.
Establishment Management Notification	Give establishment management sufficient notification of sampling so that the product represented by the sample(s) may be held. Holding product is at the option of the establishment.
Overnight Shipment	Refrigerated or frozen. Ship to the laboratory listed in Block 9 of the sample request form. Use sufficient frozen coolant to keep samples cold during transit. Ship samples Monday through Friday so that they arrive at the laboratory overnight. A sample box shipped on Fridays must have a Saturday Delivery sticker on it and Saturday delivery marked on the shipping label to avoid delivery delays and discarded samples. Do not ship samples on Saturdays or on the day before a Federal holiday.
References	FSIS Directive 10,240.3, 12/09/2002 FSIS Directive 7355.1, rev. 2, 12/3/2002

**Product Sampling - Microbiology  
Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products**

Project Numbers	INTCONT FINTCONT (Follow-up sampling for INTCONT positive samples)
Program Title	Intensified Sampling of Food Contact Surfaces During the Production of High and Medium Risk Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
Analyzed for	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
Sample to Collect	Swabs from surfaces of utensils or equipment with which exposed RTE product has direct contact (e.g. conveyor belts, knives, tabletops), that represent the conditions under which the sampled lot was processed.
Collection Instructions	Collect one sample for each form received. Collect samples that represent the conditions under which the sampled product lot was produced. Collect samples during the production shift, not pre-operational, but without disrupting production, such as during breaks and at the end of a shift.
Sample Request Form	Fill out the form according to the instructions on pages 5 - 7 of this directive (FSIS Directive 10,210.1). Place the sample request form and a copy of the label in a plastic bag and place the plastic bag into the shipping container with the sample and seal per FSIS Directive 7355.1, rev. 2. If no sample is collected, complete Block 33 and mail the form to the laboratory listed in Block 9.
Establishment Management Notification	Give establishment management sufficient notification of sampling so that the product represented by the sample(s) may be held. Holding product is at the option of the establishment.
Overnight Shipment	Refrigerated. Ship to the laboratory listed in Block 9 of the sample request form. Use sufficient frozen coolant to keep samples cold during transit. Ship samples Monday through Friday so that they arrive at the laboratory overnight. A sample box shipped on Fridays must have a Saturday Delivery sticker on it and Saturday delivery marked on the shipping label to avoid delivery delays and discarded samples. Do not ship samples on Saturdays or on the day before a Federal holiday.
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**Product Sampling - Microbiology  
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Project Numbers	INTENV FINTENV (Follow-up sampling for INTENV positive samples)
Program Title	Intensified Sampling of Environmental Surfaces During the Production of High and Medium Risk Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
Analyzed for	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
Sample to Collect	Swab surfaces that have: indirect or potential contact with exposed RTE product in the RTE production area (e.g. mop handles or outer garments that may be handled by a person who may touch RTE product) or no contact (e.g. floors, drains, walls, overhead structures).
Collection Instructions	Collect one sample for each form received. Collect samples that represent the conditions under which the sampled product lot was produced. Collect samples during the production shift, not pre-operational, but without disrupting production, such as during breaks and at the end of a shift.
Sample Request Form	Fill out the form according to the instructions on pages 5 - 7 of this directive (FSIS Directive 10,210.1). Place the sample request form and a copy of the label in a plastic bag and place the plastic bag into the shipping container with the sample and seal per FSIS Directive 7355.1, rev. 2. If no sample is collected, complete Block 33 and mail the form to the laboratory listed in Block 9.
Establishment Management Notification	Give establishment management sufficient notification of sampling so that the product represented by the sample(s) may be held. Holding product is at the option of the establishment.
Overnight Shipment	Refrigerated. Ship to the laboratory listed in Block 9 of the sample request form. Use sufficient frozen coolant to keep samples cold during transit. Ship samples Monday through Friday so that they arrive at the laboratory overnight. A sample box shipped on Fridays must have a Saturday Delivery sticker on it and Saturday delivery marked on the shipping label to avoid delivery delays and discarded samples. Do not ship samples on Saturdays or on the day before a Federal holiday.
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**Product Sampling - Microbiology  
Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products**

Project Numbers	TARGET FTARGET (Follow-up sampling for TARGET positive samples)
Program Title	Targeted Microbiological Sampling of Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
Analyzed for	<i>Salmonella</i> AND <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> If the product is a dry or semi-dry fermented sausage or fully-cooked meat patties, it will also be analyzed for <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7.
Product to Sample	1) deli-type or hot dog-type (9CFR319.180) products in a establishment that has a science-based program addressing <i>L. monocytogenes</i> and shares this data with FSIS; 2) RTE products other than deli-type or hot dog-type products where an establishment a) has a science-based program addressing <i>L. monocytogenes</i> and doesn't share this data with FSIS, or b) does not have a science-based program addressing <i>L. monocytogenes</i> .
Collection Instructions	Randomly collect enough INTACT product so that at least TWO pounds of product are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. If an intact sample of the product is too large to submit to the laboratory, ask the establishment to slack fill or short weight a package to two pounds. If this is not possible, contact the laboratory to see if a larger shipping container is available. If not, submit the sample request form to the lab with block 33 marked code 53, other reason for non-collection, with the appropriate explanation. Ship the sample to the lab only after the establishment has completed its pre-shipment review.
Sample Request Form	Fill out the form according to the instructions on pages 5 - 7 of this directive (FSIS Directive 10,210.1). Place the sample request form and a copy of the label in a plastic bag and place the plastic bag into the shipping container with the sample and seal per FSIS Directive 7355.1, rev. 2. If no sample is collected, complete Block 33 and mail the form to the laboratory listed in Block 9.
Establishment Management Notification	Give establishment management sufficient notification of sampling so that the product represented by the sample may be held. Holding product is at the option of the establishment.
Overnight Shipment	Refrigerated or frozen. Ship to the laboratory listed in Block 9 of the sample request form. Use sufficient frozen coolant to keep samples cold during transit. Ship samples Monday through Friday so that they arrive at the laboratory overnight. A sample box shipped on Fridays must have a Saturday Delivery sticker on it and Saturday delivery marked on the shipping label to avoid delivery delays and discarded samples. Do not ship samples on Saturdays or on the day before a Federal holiday.
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**Product Sampling - Microbiology  
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Project Numbers	LOWTARG FLOWTARG (Follow-up sampling for LOWTARG positive samples)
Program Title	Low-Targeted Microbiological Sampling of Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
Analyzed for	<i>Salmonella</i> AND <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> If the product is a dry or semi-dry fermented sausage or fully-cooked meat patties, it will also be analyzed for <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7.
Product to Sample	RTE products other than deli-type or hot dog-type products where an establishment has a science-based program addressing <i>L. monocytogenes</i> and shares this data with FSIS.
Collection Instructions	Randomly collect enough INTACT product so that at least TWO pounds of product are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. If an intact sample of the product is too large to submit to the laboratory, ask the establishment to slack fill or short weight a package to two pounds. If this is not possible, contact the laboratory to see if a larger shipping container is available. If not, submit the sample request form to the lab with block 33 marked code 53, other reason for non-collection, with the appropriate explanation. Ship the sample to the lab only after the establishment has completed its pre-shipment review.
Sample Request Form	Fill out the form according to the instructions on pages 5 - 7 of this directive (FSIS Directive 10,210.1). Place the sample request form and a copy of the label in a plastic bag and place the plastic bag into the shipping container with the sample and seal per FSIS Directive 7355.1, rev. 2. If no sample is collected, complete Block 33 and mail the form to the laboratory listed in Block 9.
Establishment Management Notification	Give establishment management sufficient notification of sampling so that the product represented by the sample may be held. Holding product is at the option of the establishment.
Overnight Shipment	Refrigerated or frozen. Ship to the laboratory listed in Block 9 of the sample request form. Use sufficient frozen coolant to keep samples cold during transit. Ship samples Monday through Friday so that they arrive at the laboratory overnight. A sample box shipped on Fridays must have a Saturday Delivery sticker on it and Saturday delivery marked on the shipping label to avoid delivery delays and discarded samples. Do not ship samples on Saturdays or on the day before a Federal holiday.
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**Product Sampling - Microbiology  
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Project Numbers	NONTARG FNONTARG (Follow-up sampling for NONTARG positive samples)
Program Title	Non-Targeted Microbiological Sampling of Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
Analyzed for	<i>Salmonella</i> AND <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> If the product is a dry or semi-dry fermented sausage or fully-cooked meat patties, it will also be analyzed for <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7.
Product to Sample	As designated on FSIS Form 10,210-3 in block 18.
Collection Instructions	Randomly collect enough INTACT product so that at least TWO pounds of product are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. If an intact sample of the product is too large to submit to the laboratory, ask the establishment to slack fill or short weight a package to two pounds. If this is not possible, contact the laboratory to see if a larger shipping container is available. If not, submit the sample request form to the lab with block 33 marked code 53, other reason for non-collection, with the appropriate explanation. Ship the sample to the lab only after the establishment has completed its pre-shipment review.
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Establishment Management Notification	Give establishment management sufficient notification of sampling so that the product represented by the sample may be held. Holding product is at the option of the establishment.
Overnight Shipment	Refrigerated or frozen. Ship to the laboratory listed in Block 9 of the sample request form. Use sufficient frozen coolant to keep samples cold during transit. Ship samples Monday through Friday so that they arrive at the laboratory overnight. A sample box shipped on Fridays must have a Saturday Delivery sticker on it and Saturday delivery marked on the shipping label to avoid delivery delays and discarded samples. Do not ship samples on Saturdays or on the day before a Federal holiday.
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