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FSIS NOTICE

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IMPORT RESIDUE SAMPLING

I. PURPOSE

This notice reissues the information from FSIS Notice 73-14, *Import Residue Sampling.*

II. IMPLEMENTATION

The Public Health Information System (PHIS) will assign residue TOIs as listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Import Residue Types of Inspection (TOI)

TOI Name	Analyses
Residue, FRESH - EL	Multi-Residue Method (MRM); Aminoglycosides; Arsenic; and Avermectins (when applicable*)
Residue, FRESH - WL	Multi-Residue Method (MRM); Aminoglycosides; and beta-Agonists (when applicable*)
Residue, PROC. - EL	Arsenic; and Avermectins (when applicable*)
Residue, PROC. - MWL	Sulfonamides
Hormones	Hormones
Metals	Metals**
Pesticides	Pesticides

*If analysis is not applicable for the species, result will show as canceled.
**Note that the sampling and analysis that FSIS is doing for metals is exploratory only. There are no established tolerances for metals.

III. SAMPLING

A. Residue sample TOIs are assigned to a PHIS lot. Import inspection personnel are to complete and submit FSIS Form 8000-21, Sample Analysis Request Form, in PHIS for each residue TOI that is assigned.

NOTE: A single residue sample may have more than one residue form associated with the sample because there is to be multiple residue analyses of the sample. When there are to be multiple analyses, import inspection personnel are to submit the multiple printed forms representing the residue sample to the laboratory with the single residue sample.

B. Attachment 1 provides detailed information for each specific residue TOI, including the applicable tissue and sample size requirements, applicable species, and designated FSIS laboratories at which the analyses are performed.

C. In the situations described below, the following types of products are not to be sampled for residues:

1. For Fresh or Frozen Products that fall into the following process categories:

    a. Raw – Intact; or

    b. Raw – Non Intact,

    do not sample if product is multi-ingredient, intestines, or is practically all fat, skin, or bone.

2. For Processed Products that fall into the following process categories:

    a. Thermally Processed/Commercially Sterile;

    b. Not Heat Treated - Shelf Stable;

    c. Heat Treated - Shelf Stable;

    d. Fully Cooked – Not Shelf Stable;

    e. Heat Treated - Not Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable; or

    f. Product with Secondary Inhibitors - Not Shelf Stable;

    do not sample if product is a combination product containing non-meat components such as a pastry shell, dough (e.g., pizza, ravioli, wonton); if product is multi-species; or if product is broth or practically all fat, skin, or bone.

IV. IMPORT INSPECTION PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Import inspection personnel are to refer to the Import Residue Sampling Requirements Table (see Attachment) for the type and amount of tissue to collect when assigned a residue TOI.

B. Import inspection personnel are to access the PHIS Sample Management – Sample Collection page from the Lab TOIs page by clicking on the Sample Form button. The Sample Management – Sample Collection page has three tabs:

1. Generate a Sample;

2. Sample Collection Data; and

3. Additional Info.

C. When completing the Generate a Sample tab, import inspection personnel are to place a check mark in the box next to each residue analyses listed, enter the sample weight as per Attachment 1, then select “Save and Continue.”

D. When completing the Sample Collection Data tab, import inspection personnel are to complete the required fields, enter any other pertinent information in the Remarks block, and select “Save and Continue.”

E. Additional Info tab. This is the questionnaire portion of the residue sampling. Import inspection personnel are to respond to the questions, which are self-explanatory.

F. After completing the questionnaire and returning to the Lab Sample screen, import inspection personnel are to print and sign the form and submit with the sample.

G. When multiple residue TOIs are assigned for the same laboratory, import inspection personnel are to select one (1) sample unit and are to complete and submit all applicable forms with the sample.

H. When PHIS assigns the same TOI at different levels of reinspection (LOR) (e.g., Normal, Increased, and Intensified) to a single lot, import inspection personnel are to:

1. Perform only one TOI. Import inspection personnel are to select the TOI based on the following order of LOR priority: 1) Intensified, 2) Increased, and 3) Normal; and

2. From the Lab TOIs page, choose "Submit Not Performed" for each of the remaining TOIs, selecting "Agency Instruction" as the reason.

I. Import inspection personnel are to refer to FSIS Directive 9900.6, *Laboratory Sampling Program for Imported Meat, Poultry and Egg Products*, for additional guidance on collecting and submitting residue samples.

J. When applicable, import inspection personnel are to return to the Lot Manager page, select Lot Tracking, then "Place Lot on Hold" and "Hold for lab results".

K. Import inspection personnel are to monitor LIMS – Direct for sample results and ensure that results are also reported to PHIS.

L. When a sample is discarded, and:

1. The lot was sampled for cause (Intensified or mandatory FSIS hold on-site), import inspection personnel are to access the Lab TOIs page for the lot, choose "Submit a 2nd sample," and notify the IOR through import plant management that a 2nd sample is being submitted to the lab; or

2. The lot is under the IOR's control, import inspection personnel are to access the Lab TOIs page for the lot, choose "Submit Not Performed," select "Discarded Sample" as the reason, and notify the IOR through import plant management that the sample was discarded, and that the lot will not be resampled; and

3 Complete FSIS form 9770-3, *Discarded Sample Report and Findings,* and submit to their supervisor. The form is available in Inside FSIS, which is accessed through the FSIS Home Page by clicking on FSIS Employees under "Information For".

V. LOT DISPOSITION

A. For residue test results reported as "Detected – violative," import inspection personnel are to:

1. If the lot is on hold, whether on-site or off-site:

   a. Initiate a refused entry in the PHIS based on the violative laboratory result;

   b. Notify the importer that the lot is refused entry, and if the lot was held off-site, request that the lot be returned to the official import inspection establishment; and

   c. Notify Recall Management and Technical Analysis Staff (RMTAS) through the

supervisory chain and provide copies of the inspection certificate, FSIS form 9540-1, violative residue form, and LIMS – Direct results.

2. If the lot is not on hold:

   a. Notify the importer that a sample result was returned violative and request information as to the whereabouts of the lot; and

   b. Notify RMTAS through the supervisory chain and provide copies of the inspection certificate, FSIS form 9540-1, violative residue form, and LIMS – Direct results.

B. For residue test results reported other than "Detected – violative," the lot is eligible for release into commerce when all TOI results for that lot are "Passed." The hold status may be removed.

VI. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice through your supervisor or submit your questions through askFSIS. When submitting a question, use the "Submit a Question" tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

Subject Field:	Enter **Notice 81-15**
Question Field:	Enter question with as much detail as possible.
Product Field:	Select **Import** from the drop-down menu.
Category Field:	Select **Basic Import Answers** from the drop-down menu.
Policy Arena:	Select International (Import/Export) from the drop-down menu.

When all fields are complete, press **Continue** and at the next screen press **Finish Submitting Question.**

NOTE: Refer to FSIS Directive 5620.1, *Using askFSIS*, for additional information on submitting questions.

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Attachment

IMPORT RESIDUE SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Residue Type Of Inspection (TOI)	Applicable Species	Sample (Tissue/Size)	Designated Laboratory
Residue, FRESH – EL Currently includes analyses for: Multi-Residue Method Aminoglycosides Arsenic Avermectins	• Beef • Pork • Veal • Chicken • Turkey • Goat • Lamb • Mutton	2 lb. Muscle Tissue Sample (Fresh/Frozen Product)	**Eastern Laboratory** Russell Research Center 950 College Station Road Athens, GA 30605 Phone: (706) 546-3576 Fax: (706) 546-3383
Hormones	• Beef	2 lb. Muscle Tissue Sample (Fresh/Frozen Product)	
Metals	• Beef • Pork • Veal • Chicken • Turkey	2 lb. Muscle Tissue Sample (Fresh/Frozen Product) Or 2 lb. Sample (Processed Products)	
Residue, PROC. – EL Currently includes analyses for: Arsenic Avermectins	• Beef • Pork • Veal • Chicken • Turkey	2 lb. Sample (Processed Products)	
Residue, PROC. – MWL Currently includes analyses for: Sulfonamides	• Beef • Pork • Turkey	2 lb. Sample (Processed Products)	**Midwestern Laboratory** Bldg. 105-D 4300 Goodfellow Blvd St. Louis, MO 63120 Phone: (314) 263-2680 Fax: (314) 263-2679
Residue, FRESH – WL Currently includes analyses for: Multi-Residue Method Aminoglycosides Beta-Agonists	• Beef • Pork • Veal • Chicken • Turkey	2 lb. Muscle Tissue Sample (Fresh/Frozen Product)	**Western Laboratory** 620 Central Avenue, Bldg. 1 Alameda, CA 94501 Phone: (510) 814-3000 Fax: (510) 814-3090
Pesticides	• Beef • Pork • Veal • Chicken • Turkey • Goat • Lamb • Mutton	2 lb. Muscle Tissue Sample (Fresh/Frozen Product)	