



## FSIS Posts Updated Dataset on Imports

The updated dataset on import refusals for products regulated by FSIS is now available on the FSIS website. Federal law requires every commercial shipment of imported meat, poultry and egg products to be inspected prior to the 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—such as physical product examination and laboratory sampling for pathogens and chemical residues—on a random and/or for-cause basis.

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/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 contains each shipment with product that was refused entry. FSIS began posting the dataset in February and will continue to update the dataset around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. For more information, please visit <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/data>.

## FSIS' Twitter Account Reaches One Million Followers

Last week, FSIS' Twitter account (@USDAFoodSafety) achieved a major and significant milestone by reaching one million followers. On the Twitter account, FSIS promotes information about recalls, foodborne illness and safe food handling behaviors, all of which contribute to FSIS' Strategic Plan Goal 1 to increase consumer awareness of safe food handling practices. To start following us via Twitter, please visit <https://twitter.com/USDAFoodSafety>.

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### Export Requirements Updates

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

- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Oman
- Qatar
- Taiwan

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

# FSIS Posts Aggregate Results for Chicken Parts, Comminuted Poultry and Poultry Carcasses Tested for *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*

On April 20, 2017, FSIS will update the publicly posted aggregate sampling results (not individual establishments) relative to process control categories for establishments producing young chicken or turkey carcasses, raw chicken parts or Not Ready-To-Eat (NRTE) comminuted poultry products at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/salmonella-verification-testing-program>.

FSIS intends to resume individual establishment Category web posting in the future once additional results from follow-up sampling for establishments that are in Category three have been used to help assess establishment corrective actions. FSIS will be regularly assessing the aggregate data to determine if the follow-up sampling is working effectively.

## Get Answers at *AskFSIS*

*AskFSIS* is a web-based technology and policy question-and-answer forum on topics such as exporting, labeling, inspection, programs and procedures. In addition, *AskFSIS* offers Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds that link back to the Q and As.

To view recently posted topics, please visit <http://askfsis.custhelp.com/>.

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