



October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Every business needs a cyber security plan to protect its operations from cyber-attacks. To test and validate your establishment's cyber security plans, try out FSIS' new Food Defense Preparedness and Recall Exercise Package (FD-PREP), a compilation of four scenarios based on potential intentional food contamination events. Cyber security is the topic of the virtual outrage scenario, where an establishment's systems are locked down by ransomware. FD-PREP can be accessed at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-defense-defense-and-emergency-response/tools-resources-training/fd-prep>.

FSIS Posts Updated Quarterly Sampling Results

On Oct. 31, 2017, the sampling results for FSIS regulated products will be updated on the FSIS website. On a quarterly basis, FSIS calculates prevalence, volume weighted percent positive, or percent positive calculations for microbial pathogens in FSIS regulated products that are currently sampled through existing sampling projects using the prior 12 months of sampling data. Sampling results are available for raw beef, raw pork, raw chicken, raw turkey, processed eggs, and ready-to-eat products.

For more information, visit: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/sampling-project-results/results>.

Policy Updates

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

- Notice 58-17** - Cancellation of FSIS Directives in the 4,000 Series
- Notice 59-17** - Holidays in 2018
- Directive 4430.5 Rev. 1** - Supervisory Tool for Assessment Results
- Directive 5020.2** - The New Technology Review Process
- Directive 6100.4 Rev. 1** - Verification Instructions Related to Specified Risk Materials in Cattle of all Ages
- Directive 8080.3 Rev. 2** - Foodborne Illness Investigations

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Export Requirements Updates

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

- European Union
- Hong Kong

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

Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives at USDA

On July 17, 2017, USDA published a request for information, “Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives,” in pursuant with Executive Order 13777—Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda. USDA is requesting ideas from the public on how to provide better customer service and remove unintended barriers to participation in our programs in ways that least interfere with our customers and allow us to accomplish our mission. USDA is asking for public ideas on regulations, guidance documents, or any other policy documents that are in need of reform, for example, ideas to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal those items.

Comments and information are requested on or before July 17, 2018. USDA will review comments in four batches over a one-year period. The cut-off period for comments for the second, third and fourth batches are Nov. 14, 2017, Feb.12, 2018 and July 17, 2018, respectively.

Comments can be submitted the following two ways:

- Electronic Submission of Comments: you may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- Submission of Comments by Mail, Hand delivery, or Courier: paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to regulations@obpa.usda.gov, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 101-A, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, D.C. 20250.

For proper delivery, in your comment specify “Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives.” For more information, please visit <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/07/17/2017-14920/identifying-regulatory-reform-initiatives>.

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