

## Comminuted Poultry HC\_CH\_COM01 Sampling Supplies and “How-to” Guidance

<p>1a.</p>	<p><b>Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shipping container</li> <li>• Pair of sterile gloves</li> <li>• Two, 24-oz. lined Whirl-Pak™ bags</li> <li>• 2-gallon ziplock plastic bag</li> <li>• 6” x 12” plastic sleeve for the printed/signed sample form</li> <li>• Sample seals</li> <li>• Absorbent pad</li> <li>• Cardboard separator(s)</li> <li>• Gel coolant pack(s)</li> <li>• FedEx preprinted airbills</li> </ul>	
<p>1b.</p>	<p><b>Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair of sterile gloves</li> <li>• 4-oz. sterile scoop</li> <li>• Sterile spatula</li> <li>• Disinfectant towelettes</li> <li>• Two, 24-oz. lined Whirl-Pak® bags</li> <li>• 2-gallon ziplock plastic bag</li> </ul> <p>Also shown: sanitized scissors, bottle of sanitizing spray</p> <p>Not shown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample seals</li> <li>• Absorbent pad</li> <li>• Cardboard separators</li> <li>• Gel coolant packs</li> <li>• 6” x 12” plastic sleeve for the printed/signed sample form</li> <li>• Shipping container</li> <li>• FedEx preprinted airbills</li> </ul>	

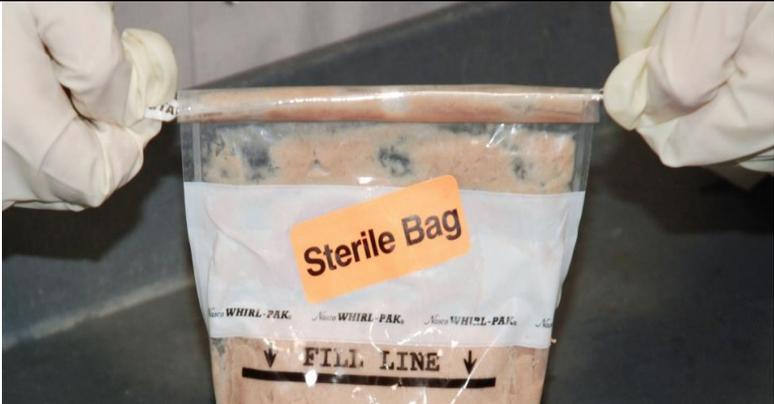
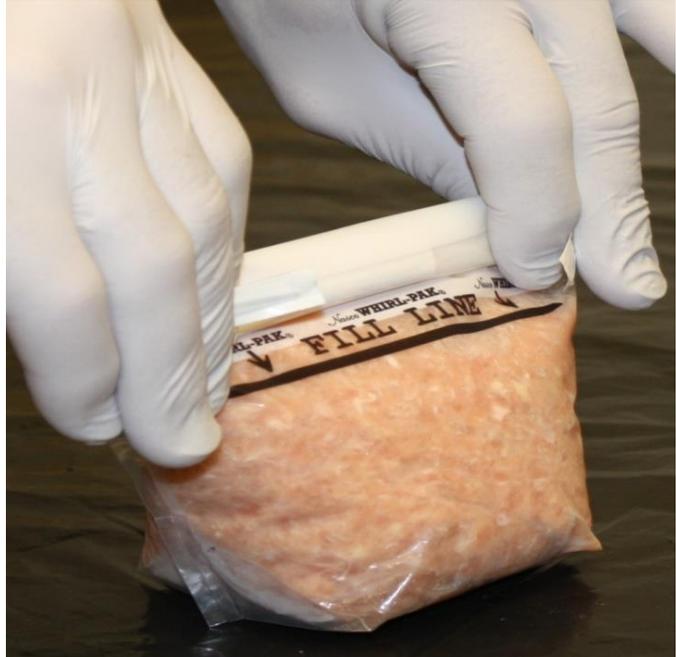
2. Lined Whirl-Pak® sterile bag



3. Collect sufficient product to fill the two Whirl-Pak® bags up to the fill-line on the bag.

Note: The Whirl-Pak® bag is gusseted on the bottom so it can stand upright when opened.



<p>4.</p>	<p>Carefully squeeze out the air remaining in the bag to prevent leaking.</p> <p>Leave the side tabs extended.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Grip the outer tabs and close the Whirl-Pak® bag by rolling the top tightly at least 4 times to prevent leakage.</p> <p>As you close the bag, avoid touching anywhere near the opening of the bag so you don't contaminate it.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Fold the side tabs to secure the rolled edge in place.</p>	

<p>7.</p>	<p>Apply a small barcode to each Whirl-Pak® bag as described in <a href="#">FSIS Directive 7355.1</a>.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Place both Whirl-Pak® bags and the completed sample form inside the 2-gallon ziplock bag.</p> <p>Squeeze out excess air from the bag.</p> <p>Apply a medium-sized, barcoded FSIS Form 7533-2B to the secondary containment bag, as described in <a href="#">FSIS Directive 7355.1</a>.</p> <p>Repeat those steps for each sample request.</p> <p>Use a different comminuted poultry product for each sample.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Pack the shipping container:</p> <p>Place these items into the container in this order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absorbent pad</li> <li>• Gel coolant pack</li> <li>• Cardboard separator</li> <li>• Whirl-Pak® bags</li> <li>• Completed sample form in its plastic sleeve inside the 2-gallon zip-lock bag</li> <li>• Foam plug</li> </ul> <p>When you place the FedEx airbill on the shipping container, verify that it matches the requesting FSIS laboratory.</p>	

Boxes 10-12: Collecting mechanically separated chicken or turkey using a sterile scoop and spatula.

10. Just before donning the sterile gloves, use the sanitized scissors to cut open the bags containing the sterile scoop and spatula.
- Place the scoop and spatula on the aseptic area.



- 11a. Deposit product from the scoop into the Whirl-Pak® bag.



- 11b. If necessary, use the spatula to scrape product from the scoop into the Whirl-Pak<sup>®</sup> bag.
- Use the spatula to work the product down to the bottom of the bag to remove air pockets and collect enough product to reach the fill line on the bag.



12. If any product gets on the outside of the Whirl-Pak<sup>®</sup> bag, use the disinfectant towelette to wipe it off.



To prepare the sample for shipment, follow steps 4-9 in this guide.

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