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REVISIONS MADE TO PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRES

I. PURPOSE

This notice informs inspection program personnel (IPP) of the updates and revisions made to sample collection questionnaires in the Public Health Information System (PHIS). Changes will become active in PHIS starting January 1, 2020.

II. BACKGROUND

FSIS evaluated the sample collection questionnaires in PHIS for usability, reliability, and analyzability of the data. Sample questionnaires have been revised to:

1. Remove questions that duplicate information already available in the PHIS Establishment Profile; and
2. Reword questions to ensure that similar questions use consistent language across all questionnaires.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE CHANGES

A. IPP are to be aware changes were made to existing question and answer options in some sample questionnaires. Many questions and answer options were removed and will no longer be present on the questionnaires.

B. The revised questionnaires will become active in PHIS starting January 1, 2020.

C. IPP are to carefully read each question and consider all answer options before selecting a response.

IV. DATA ANALYSIS

The responses from entire questionnaires, or individual questions from certain questionnaires, will be analyzed annually, and more frequently if needed, for reporting purposes and to investigate trends. Based on the results of the data analysis, questions or answer options may be eliminated or modified in the future to address the needs of the Agency.

V. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding sampling to the Office of Policy and Program Development through [askFSIS](#) or by telephone at 1-800-233-3935. When submitting a question, use the Submit a Question tab and enter the following information in the fields provided:

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Question Field: Enter your question with as much detail as possible.
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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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