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## FSIS Held Educational Meeting on Inspection of Siluriformes Fish

On Jan. 27, 2016, FSIS held its second educational meeting on inspection of siluriformes fish and fish products in Stoneville, MS. The session provided an opportunity for the approximately 90 participants to ask detailed questions on siluriformes inspection. Most questions surrounded domestic slaughter inspection (primary), further processing (secondary) inspection, and imported siluriformes product.

In addition, the Agency is scheduling educational meetings in March 2016 targeting importers. The Agency will hold the meetings in at least three major points of entry for siluriformes fish into the United States. FSIS is considering holding the meetings in Los Angeles, CA, Houston, TX, Newark, NJ, Miami, FL and Norfolk, VA, depending on interest and demand.

Following this, FSIS will host one educational meeting at each of the 10 FSIS District Offices. Dates are to be determined. If you have any concerns or questions pertaining to the siluriformes fish inspection program, FSIS has set up an e-mail box where questions can be submitted. Please send your e-mails to: [AskFish@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:AskFish@fsis.usda.gov).

In addition, FSIS subject matter experts from FSIS' Small Plant Help Desk can be reached weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST to give personal assistance and guidance on the Agency's regulation of meat (including siluriformes fish), poultry and processed egg products. The Small Plant Help Desk's toll-free number is 1-877-FSIS-HELP or 1-877-374-7435.

More information on siluriformes fish and fish products inspection is available at [www.fsis.usda.gov/siluriformes](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/siluriformes).

## Policy Updates

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

**FSIS Notice 05-16** - Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures at Official Import Inspection Establishments

**FSIS Notice 06-16** - Peer Recognition Program (PRP)

**FSIS Notice 07-16** - Student Employment Program

**FSIS Directive 7020.1** - Verifying Donation of Misbranded and Economically Adulterated Meat and Poultry Products to Non-Profit Organizations

**FSIS Directive 7120.1** - Safe and Suitable Ingredients Used in the Production of Meat, Poultry and Egg Products

**FSIS Directive 8021.1** - Investigative Methodology for Conducting Misconduct, OIG Hotline, and Other Investigations - Revision 1

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### Export Requirement Updates



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

- Cayman Islands
- European Union
- Sri Lanka

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

## Update:

## FSIS Testing for *E. coli*



FSIS posts bi-weekly updates of the Agency's raw ground beef *E. coli* sampling program. Included are testing results of raw ground beef component samples for *E. coli* O157:H7 and STECs from FSIS routine and follow-up sampling programs. Also featured is data for non-O157 STECs by each non-O157 STEC serogroup.

Between June 4, 2012 and Jan. 24, 2016, FSIS laboratory services analyzed a total of 12,181 beef trim samples (10,434 domestic and 1,747 imported), 3,125 routine follow-up samples (3,011 domestic and 114 imported), and 326 non-routine follow-up/traceback samples. One-hundred and forty-five samples were found to be positive; 80 were domestic trim samples, four were imported trim samples, 57 were domestic follow-up samples, and four were non-routine follow-up/traceback samples. To date, three samples have been positive for both O157:H7 and at least one non-O157 STEC strain, and eight samples have been positive for two different non-O157 O-groups.

To review testing results, visit the *E. coli* data tables at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/ecf>.

## Food Recalls and Alerts

For information regarding recalls, please contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Staff at (202) 720-9113. You can also receive e-mail notifications when public health alerts and recalls are issued. Register at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>.

## Follow Us On Twitter

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## Twitter En Español

FSIS Twitter en Español mantiene a los consumidores y otras comunidades informados de las últimas noticias y eventos de la agencia y ofrece consejos de seguridad alimentaria. Para más información visite [https://twitter.com/USDAFoodSafe\\_es](https://twitter.com/USDAFoodSafe_es)

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