

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS NOTICE

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ANALYSIS FOR *SALMONELLA* OF ALL IMPORTED BEEF (INCLUDING VEAL) PRODUCTS SAMPLED FOR SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING *ESCHERICHIA COLI*

I. PURPOSE

This notice reissues FSIS Notice 46-18, *Analysis for Salmonella of All Imported Beef and Veal Products Sampled for Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (STEC) with only minor changes.*

KEY POINTS:

- *Raw beef and veal samples, including import MT08 and MT51 samples, collected for STEC analysis will also be analyzed for Salmonella*
- *The Salmonella analysis result is non-regulatory, and if positive, the product is not to be refused entry*
- *Instructions for notifying the importer of record (IOR) when a sample tests positive for Salmonella but is negative for STECs*

II. BACKGROUND

FSIS does not consider *Salmonella* an adulterant in raw meat products. Therefore, a positive test result for *Salmonella* in imported raw beef and veal products, sampled by FSIS inspection program personnel (IPP), does not require a regulatory control action to be taken.

III. SAMPLE COLLECTION

When IPP receive an *E. coli* O157:H7 MT08 or *E. coli* O157:H7 MT51 Type of Inspection (TOI), under which imported boneless manufacturing trimming is to be tested for STEC, they are to:

1. Collect samples following the sampling instructions in [FSIS Directive 10,010.1, Verification Activities for Escherichia coli O157:H7 in Raw Beef Products](#);
2. Continue to follow the instructions on notifying establishments about sample collection for STEC analysis that are set out in [FSIS Directive 10,010.1](#); and
3. Inform official import inspection establishment management that all samples analyzed for STEC will also be analyzed for *Salmonella*. IPP are to be aware that the IOR is not required to hold and control the lot pending *Salmonella* results; however, the IOR is required to hold and control the lot until the results for STEC and other types of laboratory samples requiring IOR hold are reported.

DISTRIBUTION: Electronic

NOTICE EXPIRES: 11/1/20

OPI: OPPD

NOTE: Reporting of *Salmonella* results may take 1–3 days longer than STEC results reporting.

IV. OBTAINING SAMPLE RESULTS

IPP are to retrieve and view the sample results in [LIMS-Direct](#) or in the Public Health Information System (PHIS). The results will appear as shown below displaying a non-regulatory result for *Salmonella* sp., which will display as either ‘positive’ or ‘negative.’

A. [LIMS-Direct link](#):

Analysis Result: Acceptable			
Test	Result	Units	
E. coli O157:H7	Negative		
Non-O157 Shiga Toxin-Producing E coli	Negative		
Salmonella sp.	Negative		

or

Analysis Result: Acceptable			
Test	Result	Units	
E. coli O157:H7	Negative		
Non-O157 Shiga Toxin-Producing E coli	Negative		
Salmonella sp.	Positive		

B. PHIS:

Result	Reported Name	Result Description
91-Non-regulatory result	Salmonella sp.	Negative
11-Acceptable	E. coli O157:H7	Negative
11-Acceptable	Non-O157 Shiga Toxin-Producing E coli	Negative

V. TEST RESULTS AND ACTIONS

A. IPP are to follow the instructions set out in [FSIS Directive 10,010.1](#) on responding to positive FSIS results for the adulterant STEC. In addition to the instructions in FSIS Directive 10,010.1, IPP are to access the Lot Manager page for the lot in PHIS and initiate a refused entry action by clicking on the Refused Entry button and on Add New Reason on the refused entry page. For Refusal Reason, select Failed Laboratory Analyses, and for Defects, select Tested Positive for Pathogens, and then Save the refused entry.

B. For a negative STEC result, IPP are to advise the IOR holding the product that the lot does not need to continue to be held pending the availability of *Salmonella* results because the product is negative for STEC.

C. For a positive *Salmonella* result, IPP are to advise the IOR the sample tested positive for *Salmonella*, and that FSIS will not take any enforcement action.

D. For a negative *Salmonella* result, IPP are to advise the IOR the sample tested negative for *Salmonella*.

NOTE: When IPP receive the *Salmonella* result before the STEC results, they are to wait to notify the IOR of the *Salmonella* results until after receiving the STEC results.

VI. SALMONELLA POSITIVE LOTS

When a sample tests positive for *Salmonella* and negative for STEC, and the IOR requests that the lot not be stamped “U.S. Inspected & Passed” because the IOR wants to drawback the entire or partial lot from the United States, IPP are to:

1. Request that the IOR provide evidence that the drawback was completed with Customs and Border Protection;
2. Review the Information to verify the product and the amount of product coincides, at a minimum, with the kind of product and the weight of the product being withdrawn for the lot;
3. Attach any documents provided by the IOR to the case file;
4. Access the Lot Manager page for the lot in PHIS, select Lot Tracking, and select, as appropriate, either “Entire Lot Withdrawn – Salmonella Positive” or “Partial Lot Withdrawn – Salmonella Positive;” and

Import Reinspection

Lot Tracking [View Application](#)

Application No:	1354768	Inspection Certificate:	533-252-2019
Lot ID:	1	Process Est:	533
Shipping Mark:	19239KEPAK	Process Category:	Raw - Intact
Customs Entry:	BHQ00955495	ProductCategory/ Product Group:	Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings
Country of Origin:	IRELAND	Species:	Beef
Importer:	JBS USA LLC	LotStatus:	Released
Applicant:	MURPHY OVERSEAS LLC.		
Date Presented:	10/03/2019		

Event Type:

Service

Shipment List > Lot Management

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Country of Origin: IRELAND
Importer: JBS USA LLC
MURPHY OVERSEAS
10/03/2019

Inspection Certificate: 953104
Process Est: 93
Process Category: Raw - Intact
Product Category/ Product: Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings Group
Species: Beef
Lot Status: Received

--Select--
 Forward Lot
 Place Lot on Hold
 Draw Assignments
 Send FTP Warning
 Verified Refused Entry
 On Premises
 EDA adjusted per request from applicant
 EDA Adjust
 Refused Entry - Removed after appeal
Entire Lot Withdrawn - Salmonella Positive
Partial Lot Withdrawn - Salmonella Positive
 Prior Notification Violation
 Entire Lot Withdrawn - Campylobacter Positive
 Partial Lot Withdrawn - Campylobacter Positive
 FTP Disposed
 --Select--

Application No: 1367998 Inspection Certificate: 953104
 Lot ID: 4 Process Est: 93
 Shipping Mark: 953104 Process Category: Raw - Intact
 Customs Entry: 55128530439 Product Category/ Product: Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings Group
 Country of Origin: CANADA Species: Beef
 Importer: CARGILL MEAT SOLUTIONS CORPORATION Lot Status: Received
 Applicant: A N DERINGER, INC.
 Date Presented: 10/19/2019

TOIs

	TOI	Inspection Level	Status	SME-Status Decision	Additional Information
COMPLETE	Label Verification	Normal	Passed		
COMPLETE	Certification	Normal	Passed		
	E. coli O157:H7 MT51	Normal	Waiting For Lab Results		

Pending Actions

Action	Location	Date Assigned
Lot Reinspection	I47	10/19/2019

Lot Event Log

Lot Event	Performed By	Date	Description
Receive Lot	JASON CHRISTIAN	10/19/2019	
Draw Assignments	JASON CHRISTIAN	10/19/2019	
Place Lot on Hold	JASON CHRISTIAN	10/19/2019	Hold for lab results
Entire Lot Withdrawn - Salmonella Positive	Megan Potts	10/22/2019	

- When a lot is partially withdrawn, and all TOIs are completed, select Release Acceptable Units to close out the lot in PHIS.

LOT manager [View Application](#) [Edit Application](#)

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Importer:	JBS USA LLC	LotStatus:	Released
Applicant:	MURPHY OVERSEAS LLC.		
Date Presented:	10/03/2019		

TOIs

	TOI	Inspection Level	Status	SME-Status Decision	Additional Information
COMPLETE	Label Verification	Normal	Passed		
COMPLETE	Certification	Normal	Passed		
COMPLETE	E. coli O157:H7 MT51	Increased	Passed		

Pending Actions

Action	Location	Date Assigned
No records to display.		

Lot Event Log

Lot Event	Performed By	Date	Description
Receive Lot	Mitchell Firlej	10/03/2019	
Draw Assignments	Mitchell Firlej	10/03/2019	
Release Lot	Mitchell Firlej	10/07/2019	
Partial Lot Withdrawn - Salmonella Positive	Megan Potts	10/10/2019	

NOTE: FSIS will not take any enforcement action or perform follow-up sampling on lots identified as a positive *Salmonella* result.

VII. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice through your supervisor or submit your questions through [askFSIS](#). When submitting a question, use the Submit a Question tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

Subject Field: Enter **Notice 46-19**.
 Question Field: Enter question with as much detail as possible.
 Product Field: Select **Import** from the drop-down menu.
 Category Field: Select **Basic Import Answers** from the drop-down menu.
 Policy Arena: Select International (Import/Export) from the drop-down menu.

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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