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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE  
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# FSIS NOTICE

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## REGULATIONS VERIFIED FOR SPECIFIED RISK MATERIAL NONCOMPLIANCE RECORDS

### I. PURPOSE

This notice reminds inspection program personnel (IPP) in beef slaughter and beef processing establishments that they are to check all appropriate paragraphs of 9 CFR 310.22 for every specified risk materials (SRMs) noncompliance record (NR). IPP can locate these instructions in FSIS Directive 6100.4, Chapter 4. When completing a task, IPP are to check the citations in the public health information system (PHIS) Regulations tab found on the Inspection Results page.

### II. BACKGROUND

While almost all SRM NRs include narratives that adequately support the basis for issuing the NR, approximately half of the NRs for SRMs written in the last year do not reference an appropriate citation from 9 CFR 310.22. A citation from 9 CFR 310.22 supports FSIS in classification of SRM NR data and assists the Agency in determining industry compliance.

### III. IPP RESPONSIBILITY

IPP are to ensure an SRM NR identifies the appropriate paragraph of 9 CFR 310.22. The following table is a basic summary of 9 CFR 310.22. The complete regulations are at this site, [9 CFR 310.22](#).

9 CFR 310.22 (a)	Identifies specified risk materials
9 CFR 310.22 (b)	Prohibited for use as humane food
9 CFR 310.22 (c)	SRM disposal requirements
9 CFR 310.22 (d)	Requirements for use of the small intestine for human food
9 CFR 310.22 (e)	Procedures for the removal, segregation, and disposition of specified risk materials (1) Requires written procedures (2) Corrective action requirement (3) Evaluate the effectiveness of written procedures (4) Recordkeeping requirements
9 CFR 310.22 (f)	Sanitation of equipment (1) Carcasses and parts are not segregated (2) Carcasses and parts are segregated
9 CFR 310.22 (g)	Shipping beef carcasses and parts

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**Example:** IPP perform a Slaughter HACCP verification task in an establishment that slaughters 30 months of age and older cattle. While performing the task, IPP observe spinal cord on a carcass that passed through the establishment's spinal cord removal step. In addition, IPP observe the establishment properly remove the distal ileum of the small intestines and tonsils. While recording findings in PHIS, on the Regulations tab of the Inspection Results page, IPP are to check 9 CFR 310.22(b), 9 CFR 310.22(d)(1)(ii) and 9 CFR 310.22(a)(2) as Verified. IPP are to document 9 CFR 310.22(b) noncompliance because spinal cord is inedible and prohibited for use as human food. In addition, IPP are to document 9 CFR 310.22(d)(1)(ii) and 9 CFR 310.22(a)(2) compliance because the establishment ensured complete removal of the distal ileum of the small intestine and the tonsils.

#### IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IPP may wish to review the following resources. The courses are voluntary and are in AgLearn:

1. FSIS NR Writing (FSIS-NRWRITING-V1); and
2. FSIS-Combined Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Version 2

Additional SRM information is available as a PowerPoint presentation in the [FSIS PolicyPoints](#).

#### V. DATA ANALYSIS

The Office of Policy and Program Development (OPPD) evaluates SRM NRs to monitor the correct use of 9 CFR 310.22 citations.

#### VI. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice to [AskFSIS](#). When submitting a question, use the Submit a Question tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

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