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**FSIS NOTICE**

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**ELIGIBILITY OF THE NETHERLANDS TO EXPORT RAW NON-INTACT  
VEAL AND RAW INTACT VEAL INTENDED FOR RAW NON-INTACT  
USE TO THE UNITED STATES**

**I. PURPOSE**

This notice provides instructions to inspection program personnel (IPP) at official import inspection establishments on actions to take when verifying the accuracy of inspection certificates for imported raw non-intact veal and raw intact veal intended for raw non-intact use from the central competent authority of the Netherlands. The certificates provide assurance that these products meet FSIS requirements.

**II. BACKGROUND**

A. The Netherlands has been eligible to export raw intact veal intended for intact use to the United States (U.S.) since March 2016. FSIS has completed its review of the Netherlands' raw veal Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) verification activities and has determined that the Netherlands is eligible to export raw non-intact veal and raw intact veal intended for non-intact use, such as trim derived from veal slaughtered on and after July 15, 2017.

B. The Netherlands transmits its official inspection certification data electronically, government to government (eCert), into the Public Health Information System (PHIS). However, the Netherlands continues to provide original paper copies of the official inspection certificate with every shipment. The paper copies provide slaughter dates for every lot in a shipment.

C. For the purposes of this notice, verification of slaughter dates only applies to all raw non-intact veal product groups, and the following raw intact veal product groups:

1. Boneless manufacturing trimmings;
2. Head meat;
3. Cheek meat;
4. Weasand meat, and
5. Heart meat

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**OPI:** OPPD

### III. IPP RESPONSIBILITIES

A. IPP are to follow the instructions in [FSIS Directive 9900.1](#), *Imported Product Shipment Presentation* and are to verify the slaughter dates on the paper copy of the inspection certificate are on or after July 15, 2017.

B. When the paper copy of the inspection certificate does not contain certification of the slaughter dates, or the specified products are certified as slaughtered prior to July 15, 2017, IPP are to fail the Certification Type of Inspection (TOI) in PHIS. This will initiate a refused entry in PHIS. IPP are to refer to [FSIS Directive 9900.8](#), *Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Refused Entry into the United States* for disposition.

### IV. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice to the Import Export Policy Development Staff (IEPDS) 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 36-17**  
Question Field: Enter your question with as much detail as possible;  
Product Field: Select **Import** from the drop-down menu;  
Category Field: Select **Public Health Information System** 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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