



## FSIS Holds a Third Educational Meeting on the Implementation of Siluriformes Inspection

As announced in the [Aug. 4, 2017 Constituent Update](#), FSIS is holding a third educational meeting on Aug. 24, 2017, in Memphis, Tenn., to discuss the enforcement and implementation of the Final Rule on the “Mandatory Inspection of Fish of the order Siluriformes and Products Derived from such Fish.” As with the previous meetings in Virginia and Maryland, the primary objectives of the meetings are to provide updated information to stakeholders and to encourage dialogue between FSIS and the Siluriformes fish industry. FSIS is particularly interested in soliciting participation from representatives from domestic wild-caught operations that process Siluriformes fish and fish products. Affected industry and interested individuals, organizations and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the meeting.

Persons wishing to attend are encouraged to register in advance. The cutoff date for pre-registration is Aug. 22, 2017. The meeting will be held on Aug. 24, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CT in Memphis, Tenn., at the Holiday Inn Memphis Airport and Convention Center, located at 2240 Democrat Rd., Memphis, TN. On-site registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. CT.

To pre-register for the meeting, please visit <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings>. For further information, contact Evelyn Arce, Outreach and Partnership Division, Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training via telephone (202) 418-8903, fax (202) 690-6519 or email: [Evelyn.Arce@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Evelyn.Arce@fsis.usda.gov) regarding additional information about these meetings or to arrange for special accommodations.

## Policy Updates

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

**Notice 42-17 - Extension of Deadline to Complete Labeling Claims Questionnaire**

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### Export Requirements Updates

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

- Belarus
- Chile
- Colombia
- Curacao
- Dominica
- French Polynesia
- Honduras
- Kazakhstan
- New Calcedonia
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- St. Lucia

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

# FSIS Posts Updated Dataset on Imports

On Aug. 15, 2017, FSIS will update the publicly posted dataset on import refusals for products regulated by FSIS. Federal law requires every commercial shipment of imported meat, poultry, and egg products to be inspected prior to product entering U.S. commerce. FSIS inspects each shipment to verify labeling, proper certification, general condition, any signs of tampering and to identify product adulterated by transportation damage. FSIS also performs additional activities on a random and/or for-cause basis such as physical product examination and laboratory sampling for pathogens and chemical residues.

Any product that does not meet FSIS requirements is refused entry, and the importer has up to 45 days (30 days for egg products) to have the product destroyed for use as human food, re-exported/returned to the foreign country, converted to animal food, or brought into compliance with FSIS requirements, if applicable (e.g. relabeled, remarked, replacement certificate).

This dataset is updated around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and contains each shipment with product that was refused entry. For more information, please visit <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/data>.

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## UPDATE:

## FSIS Testing for *E.coli*



FSIS posts biweekly updates of the Agency's raw ground beef *E. coli* sampling program, which includes testing results of raw ground beef component samples for *E. coli* O157:H7 and Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STECs) from FSIS routine and follow-up sampling programs. Data are also presented for non-O157 STECs by each non-O157 STEC serogroup.

Between June 4, 2012 and Aug. 6, 2017, FSIS laboratory services analyzed a total of 19,640 beef trim samples (15,946 domestic and 3,694 imported), 4,182 routine follow-up samples (4,068 domestic and 114 imported), and 364 non-routine follow-up/traceback samples. One hundred and ninety eight samples were found to be positive. 119 were domestic trim samples, 10 were imported trim samples, 65 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 10 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/ffsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/microbiology/ec>.