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CONCLUSION OF THE PHIS DISCONNECTED STATE APPLICATION AND CANCELLATION OF FSIS DIRECTIVE 13,000.4

This notice announces that on January 21, 2018, the Public Health Information System (PHIS) Disconnected State Application (DCU) will no longer be available for use to inspection program personnel (IPP), including public health veterinarians (PHVs). This notice also cancels FSIS Directive 13,000.4, *PHIS Disconnected State and Offline Synchronization Application*, 9/18/13.

In January 2012, FSIS implemented the DCU for IPP to use in situations where no network connectivity was available. The application has allowed IPP to record critical food safety verification results while being disconnected from the FSIS network and to upload that data through a synchronization process once network connectivity is available.

Over the past several years, FSIS has been working to improve connectivity for IPP. The Agency upgraded its 3G wireless devices to 4G, traded out Evolution-Data Optimized (EVDO) devices for MiFi devices and installed hardline connections. Additionally, for IPP covering establishments located in remote areas with no connectivity or with infrastructure presenting connectivity challenges, FSIS deployed more innovative wireless devices, such as CradlePoint devices. All these connectivity solutions together have vastly improved connectivity in the field since FSIS launched the DCU. Due to these improvements, and a considerable decline in DCU usage, FSIS is discontinuing the DCU.

Refer questions through supervisory channels.

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