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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS NOTICE

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REINSPECTION PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCT PRESENTED FOR EXPORT AT OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

I. PURPOSE

This notice provides inspection program personnel (IPP) with reinspection procedures that they are to follow in official establishments before issuing export certificates. This notice also provides supplemental information for verifying export library requirements. FSIS previously issued the instructions in this notice in FSIS Notice 73-15, *Reinspection Procedures for Product Presented for Export at Official Establishments*, except for the new instructions in section II. C.

II. IPP RESPONSIBILITIES

A. As scheduled or unscheduled daily tasks in the Public Health Information System, IPP conduct ongoing verification activities (e.g., label compliance with export requirements, export mark verification, shipping container integrity, verification of other consumer protection practices and sanitation performance checks) of products that official establishments produce and may present for export. IPP at official establishments where products are produced for export have knowledge and an awareness of the establishment's procedures for ensuring the safety, wholesomeness, and accurate labeling of the products. However, as country requirements often change, IPP are to verify that the country's requirements, as specified in the Export Library, have been met, as described in [FSIS Directive 9000.1](#), *Export Certification*.

B. IPP at official establishments are not required to conduct reinspection of product that was produced and packed at that official establishment before signing the FSIS Form 9060-6, Application for Export Certificate and issuing the export certificate unless IPP have a reason to question the soundness of the product or have reason to question whether the products are properly labeled to meet FSIS regulatory requirements or the requirements of the importing country. When IPP observe these conditions, they are to examine the product as set out in [FSIS Directive 9040.1](#), *Re-inspection of Product Intended for Export*.

C. However, IPP are to require the identification and reinspection of the products in accordance with [FSIS Directive 9000.1](#) and FSIS Notice 83-16, *Replacement Certificates* when the product is suspected to be unwholesome, unsafe or improperly labeled.

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III. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice to the Import/Export Policy Development Staff through askFSIS or by telephone at 1-855-444-9904. When submitting a question through [askFSIS](#), use the **Submit a Question** tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

Subject Field: Enter **Notice 39-17**
Question Field: Enter question with as much detail as possible.
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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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