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INSPECTION PROGRAM PERSONNEL'S COMPLETION OF THE *E. coli* O157:H7 CHECKLIST

It has come to the Agency's attention that some inspection program personnel who received the *E. coli* O157:H7 checklist as referenced in FSIS Notice 65-07, have asked the establishment to complete that checklist. Under no circumstances are inspection program personnel to make such a request, nor are inspection program personnel to allow the establishment to complete the checklist. Agency personnel need to complete the checklist because the Agency has not sought approval from the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act to conduct a survey of establishments. Thus, the checklist is only to be completed by Agency personnel. It is also important that inspection program personnel review the establishment records relevant to responding to the checklist because it will enhance their familiarity with the establishment operations and thereby facilitate performance of their duties.

However, as stated in FSIS Notice 65-07, inspection program personnel are to share a printed or electronic copy of the completed survey with establishment management and to provide them 48 hours to correct any responses for which it can substantiate the changes.

Direct questions to the Policy Development Division at 1-800-233-3935.

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