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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERFORMING FOOD DEFENSE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES IN IDENTIFICATION WAREHOUSES

Beginning September 15, 2008, inspection program personnel are to conduct one Food Defense Verification Procedure in identification warehouses when they are there to perform voluntary inspection services as set out in FSIS Directive 12,600.1, Voluntary Reimbursable Inspection Services. Considering that the warehouses are low-risk, non-food production facilities, no more than one Food Defense Verification Procedure is to be performed at a facility during the course of one month. Inspection program personnel are not to include the time to perform the Food Defense Procedures in the reimbursable service charges. Inspection program personnel should conduct this Food Defense Procedure during their established tour of duty, unless advance approval for the use of non-reimbursable overtime is provided by the District Office.

Inspection program personnel are to randomly conduct one of the following procedures as described in FSIS Directive 5420.1, Homeland Security Threat Condition Response – Food Defense Verification Procedures:

Water Systems– 08S14
Storage Area – 08S16
Shipping and Receiving – 08S17

Inspection program personnel are to document the performance of the Food Defense Verification Procedure in PBIS in the manner described in FSIS Directive 5420.1 Section X.

Inspection program personnel will be notified through supervisory channels if it becomes necessary to increase the number of Food Defense Verification Procedures because of a heightened threat condition.

DATA ANALYSIS

The Office of Food Defense and Emergency Response will analyze the food defense verification procedures data collected when voluntary inspection services are conducted

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in identification warehouses. The analysis will be completed monthly and will identify potential vulnerabilities in the warehouse's food defense system.

Refer questions to the Policy Development Division through askFSIS or at 1-800-233-3935.

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