

Hello, Sally

I'm working on some favorable comments on the February 27, 2007 FSIS proposal to list Chile as eligible to import poultry and poultry products to the US. In checking your website for foreign audit reports, it appears that the most recent audit of the Chilean poultry inspection system occurred in August of 2005, the results of which were sent to the Chilean government in January of 2006. It is noted as a final report of an initial on-site review or equivalence audit and it does cite at least one deficiency in the Chilean system (lack of species determination) and several deficiencies in the two establishments audited. It also includes a response from the Chilean government in regard to actions that were taken to correct those deficiencies.

My question is whether a subsequent audit has been or will be conducted to verify that all deficiencies have indeed been corrected. Or was the Chilean government's response to the initial audit adequate by itself to conclude that the Chilean poultry inspection system is equivalent? I guess I'm just looking for a concluding statement from the Agency to the effect that the Chilean government's response was adequate and that everything is now in order. I'm just not sure how that part of the equivalence determination process works.

Thanks for any insight you can provide.

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