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# FSIS Constituent Update

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## FSIS to Hold Regulatory Education Session in North Carolina

FSIS will hold a regulatory education session on June 12 in North Carolina for the owners and operators of small and very small plants.

Crabtree Valley Hotel, 4100 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N.C.

To register by phone, call (800) 336-3747.

The session will cover regulatory walk-through of sanitation performance standard regulations and food defense.

Online registration forms and information about upcoming sessions can be found at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Outreach\\_Sessions\\_SVS\\_Plants/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Outreach_Sessions_SVS_Plants/index.asp).

The regulatory education session will be held at the Holiday Inn

## FSIS to Hold Public Meeting on Risk-Based Inspection

FSIS will hold an expert elicitation meeting on June 26 to provide stakeholders with information concerning an expert ranking of meat and poultry products based on their inherent risk.

give participants insight on how the information will be used in the algorithm for determining an establishment's intensity of inspection.

The agency will review background on the elicitation as well as the process and results.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 107-A of the USDA Jamie Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. The Whitten Building is located adjacent to the Mall exit of the Smithsonian Station on Metro's Orange and Blue Lines.

The meeting will allow agency statisticians to offer analysis of the data and compare it to previous elicitations. It will also

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## Export Requirement Updates



The Library of Export Requirements has been updated to reflect changes in export requirements for the following:

**Azerbaijan**

**Indonesia**

**People's Republic of China**

**Peru**

**Republic of Korea**

**Sri Lanka**

Complete information can be found at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&Policies/Export\\_Information/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/index.asp).



## RBI Public Meeting...

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Attendees should use the Mall entrance, located on Jefferson Drive.

Pre-registration is recommended. The session will be simultaneously connected to an audio conference call. To register online or participate in the audio cast, go to [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_)

[&\\_Events/Meetings\\_&\\_Events/index.asp](#). An agenda will soon post to FSIS' Web site.

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## FSIS to Participate in AFDO Conference

FSIS will participate in the 111th Annual Educational Conference of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) titled, "Global Challenges – Integrating Protection and Defense Strategies to Strengthen the Network," in San Antonio, Texas, from June 16-20. The conference will provide information on food safety, security and defense activities.

FSIS and AFDO have collaborated on a variety of educational materials and programs in support of USDA's farm-to-table food safety and public health

goals. AFDO has developed in cooperation with FSIS, an on-line training course for industry and government agencies, *Meat and Poultry Processing at Retail*.

The training will be previewed during the conference along with other meat and poultry-related training and educational materials. This information will soon be available on AFDO's Web site at [www.afdo.org](http://www.afdo.org).

For more information about the conference, visit AFDO's Web site.

## FSIS Issues Directives and Notice

FSIS publishes directives and notices to enable the agency to carry out its mission of protecting public health. The following directives and notice were issued this week:

### Directives:

- 8010.1 - *Methodology for Conducting In-Commerce*

*Surveillance Activities*. This directive provides instructions on the methodologies used by program investigators for surveillance, monitoring and verification activities.

- 8010.2 - *Investigative Methodology*. This directive provides the methodologies that program investigators will apply

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**OFS Seeks Comments  
on Sanitary and  
Phytosanitary  
International Standard-  
Setting Activities**

FSIS announced on June 4 the publication of a *Federal Register* notice of sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

The notice also provides a list of other standard-setting activities of Codex, including commodity standards, guidelines, codes of practice and revised texts.

The notice, which covers the time periods June 1, 2006, to May 31, 2007, and June 1, 2007, to May 31, 2008, seeks comments on standards currently under consideration and recommendations for new standards.

Codex carries out activities related to international sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting aimed at ensuring food products are free from adulteration and are correctly labeled.

To view the *Federal Register* notice, go to <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/2007-0006.htm>.

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when conducting investigations of allegations, apparent violations or incidents relating to the Federal Meat Inspection Act, Poultry Products Inspection Act, Egg Products Inspection Act, the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act and other laws and regulations.

- 8010.3 - *Procedures for Evidence Collection, Safeguarding and Disposal*. This directive provides instructions to program investigators to use when collecting, safeguarding and disposing of evidence.

- 8010.4 - *Report of Investigation*. This directive provides instructions to program investigators on the style, format and procedures that they should follow when preparing a report of investigation.

- 8010.5 - *Case Referral and Disposition*. This directive describes the procedures and methodologies that program investigators should follow for

determining actions on reports of investigations, including referral to the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Justice for criminal, civil and administrative enforcement actions.

- 8010.2 - *Detention and Seizure*. This directive provides the procedures that program investigators should follow when detaining or preparing a recommendation to seize meat, poultry and egg products found in commerce.

**Notice:**

- 34-07 - *Export Library Revisions for May 2007*. This notice provides links to the export library revisions covering the month of May.

To view these directives and notice, visit FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&\\_Policies/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/index.asp).

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