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Bryce Quick Named FSIS Deputy Administrator

USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Richard Raymond yesterday named Bryce Quick as Deputy Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service.

“Bryce Quick’s expertise in communications and outreach will complement the medical and veterinary expertise that already exists on my management team. I consider this multi-disciplinary approach critical to a public health food safety and defense system,” Raymond said. “He brings tremendous energy, talent and hands-on experience to this challenging position.

Quick joined FSIS in 2001 and most recently served as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Public Affairs, Education and Outreach. In this role, he worked to develop critical communications strategies ensuring that the public, Congress, media, industry and consumer groups were well informed on public health food safety issues.”

FSIS Administrator Barbara Masters praised Quick’s comprehensive understanding of FSIS policies and dedication to improving public health.

“Bryce shares my goals for ensuring that the public health gains we have made in the recent past form the foundation of a continuous improvement program,” Masters said. “Multilevel communications and the incorporation of management controls at all levels and locations within FSIS are core Agency priorities and in this role he will make a tremendous contribution to our team.”



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Export Requirement Updates



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

Mexico

Russia

Complete information can be found at: www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/

FSIS Takes Steps to Assist in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

In response to the public health emergency caused by Hurricane Katrina, FSIS is extending the hours of the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline this week in order to accommodate consumers' questions and concerns 24-hours a day. Callers to the hotline will be able to speak to a live-operator who will be able to provide answers to their food safety questions. The hotline number is 1-888-MPHotline.

The Agency will also work with plants producing products to aid the relief effort that need to extend their operating hours to meet demand. Companies should contact their local district office to discuss arrangements for FSIS to provide additional temporary inspection coverage.

In addition to extended hotline hours, and extended inspection coverage, FSIS is providing consumers with important information regarding safe food handling in the event of power outages, and flooding. Distribution of this important public health information will help minimize the potential for foodborne illnesses in the aftermath of the hurricane. An entire list of food safety recommendations can be found on FSIS' Web site at: www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/NR_082905_01/

FSIS Issues Policy on Use of Results from Third Party Laboratories

FSIS Notice 54-05 describes the circumstances in which FSIS considers it appropriate to rely on results from a third party laboratory. The Agency is periodically presented with positive results from a laboratory analysis conducted by a third party laboratory that indicates an adulterant is present in an FSIS inspected and passed product. FSIS defines a third party laboratory as one not owned by, or under contract with, the establishment providing the sample. Under very limited circumstances, FSIS may rely on a third party laboratory's positive result to take action on the product. This notice includes questions the Agency considers when deciding whether to rely on third party laboratory results. To view the notice in its entirety visit: www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/

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