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ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE *SALMONELLA* PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

I. PURPOSE

This directive provides instructions on the enforcement procedures related to the *Salmonella* performance standards regulatory requirements.

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IV. REFERENCES

9 CFR 310.25(b) and 381.94(b)
Part 417 of the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations.

FSIS Directive 10,230.5
FSIS Directive 5000.1
FSIS Directive 5400.5

V. TERMINOLOGY

The following terms will be used in this directive:

A. Sampling Coordination Team (SCT): The SCT coordinates the activities of the Agency's sampling programs to ensure the efficient and effective use of field and laboratory resources. The SCT also manages the centralized sample scheduling system, prepares routine updates of sampling activities, and prepares recommendations to improve the operations of the sampling activities.

B. The Salmonella Performance Standards: The following table lists the products, performance standards, sample sets, and maximum number of positives to achieve the standard as required by 9 CFR 310.25(b) and 381.94(b).

SALMONELLA PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Class of product	Performance Standard (percent positive for <u>Salmonella</u>) ^a	Number of samples tested (sample sets) (n)	Maximum number of positives to achieve Standard (c)
Steers/heifers	1.0%	82	1
Cows/bulls	2.7%	58	2
Ground beef	7.5%	53	5
Hogs	8.7%	55	6
Fresh pork sausages	N.A. ^b	N.A.	N.A.
Broilers	20.0%	51	12
Ground chicken	44.6%	53	26
Ground turkey	49.9%	53	29
Turkeys	N.A. ^b	N.A.	N.A.

^aThe last two columns do not equal the percentage because of sampling variations.

^bNot available, values will be added upon completion of rulemaking.

VI. FIRST SET OF SAMPLES

A. Inspection personnel collect samples as described in Attachment 1 under “Sample Collection.”

B. Tests results will be distributed as described in FSIS Notice 8-98.

C. If the first set of results meets the performance standard, the establishment is returned to ongoing random testing. (See Attachment 1).

D. If the first set of results fails to meet the performance standard:

1. Inspection personnel will complete a Noncompliance Record (NR)(FSIS Form 5400-4) as specified in FSIS Directive 5400.5.

2. Inspection personnel will obtain sample result information from the DO.

3. In **Block 10** of the form inspection personnel will include the:
 - a. date of the sample set completion,
 - b. class of product, and
 - c. sample test results (e.g., number of samples analyzed and number of positive samples).
 - d. a statement that the establishment shall take immediate action to meet the standard in accordance with sections 310.25(b)(3)(i) or 381.94(b)(3)(i) of the regulations.
4. The establishment is placed in establishment specific targeted testing and a second set of tests will be collected. The DM determines the scheduling for the second set of tests which normally will occur within 60 days. It may occur in a shorter or longer period of time based on the DM's consultation with inspection personnel and consideration of such factors as the establishment's actions, and the efficient use of resources. The DM provides his or his determination to the SCT.

VII. SECOND SET OF SAMPLES

- A. Inspection personnel are provided additional forms and supplies and follow the sampling rate procedures and sample collection procedures as described in Attachment 1 "Sample Collection."
- B. Tests results will be distributed as described in FSIS Notice 8-98.
- C. If the second set of results meets the performance standard, the establishment is returned to ongoing random testing.
- D. If the second set of results fails to meet the performance standard, the DO and inspection personnel act in accordance with paragraph VI. D.1.-3. In this case the statement on the NR should inform the establishment to reassess its HACCP plan for that product in accordance with sections 310.25(b)(3)(ii) or 381.94(b)(3)(ii) of the regulations.
- E. The establishment is once again placed on establishment specific targeted testing and a third set of tests will be collected. The scheduling for the third set of samples is based on the DM's recommendation to the SCT. The DM consults with inspection personnel and considers factors such as the establishment's progress on reassessing its HACCP plan, performance on its *E. coli* process control, and/or patterns of failing checks for fecal contamination.
- F. If the establishment fails to reassess its HACCP plan for that product, inspection

personnel act in accordance with FSIS Directive 5000.1, part II. paragraph III. C. 2.

VIII. THIRD SET OF SAMPLES

A. Inspection personnel are provided additional forms and supplies and follow the sampling rate procedures and sample collection procedures as described in Attachment 1 “Sample Collection.”

B. Tests results will be distributed as described in FSIS Notice 8-98.

C. If the third set of results meets the performance standard the establishment is returned to ongoing random sampling.

D. If the third set of results fails to meet the performance standard, the DO and inspection personnel act in accordance with paragraph VI. D.1.-3. In this case the statement on the NR should inform the establishment that they must comply with the requirements specified in 310.25(b)(3)(iii) or 381.94(b)(3)(iii) of the regulations.

E. The DO will implement the enforcement actions as specified in 310.25(b)(3)(iii) or 381.94(b)(3)(iii) of the regulations and follow established procedures for suspending inspection services. The DO will instruct inspection personnel as needed regarding the suspension.

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