

## Zero Tolerance

### Directive 6420.2 Summary

#### New Directive 6420.2

- Verification of Procedures for Controlling Fecal Material, Ingesta, and Milk in Slaughter Operations
  - Effective May 17, 2004

#### New Directive Cancels

- FSIS Directive 6420.1 (Livestock)
- FSIS Directive 6150.1, Revision 1 (Poultry)

#### Directive 6420.2

- Combines livestock and poultry directives into one
  - Combines FSIS verification procedures for meat and poultry into one directive
  - Removes instructions for activities conducted prior to HACCP Directive 6420.2
  - Provides instructions to verify that head, cheek and weasand meat are free of fecal material, ingesta and milk
  - Provides additional instructions for enforcement methods and verification activities
- New Directive Does Not
- Change FSIS policy regarding zero tolerance
  - Change FSIS policy regarding frequency of zero tolerance contamination checks
  - Change identification of contamination guidance

#### New Directive Does Not

- Affect disposition of livestock carcasses and parts
- Affect disposition of poultry carcasses Livestock
- Inspection for fecal material, ingesta and milk
  - Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) verify meat from heads, cheeks and weasands are not contaminated
    - Verification may not occur at final rail
    - Verification at completion of the harvesting process after all controls and interventions

#### Livestock

- Regulatory requirements
  - 9 CFR 310.18(a) – Contamination of carcasses, organs and other parts
  - 9 CFR 417.2 (c) (2) – Critical Control Points

#### Poultry

- Regulatory requirements
  - 9 CFR 381.65(e) – Operations and procedures, generally
  - 9 CFR 417.2 (c) (2) – Critical Control Points

## Documentation

- Use 03J01 to verify
  - Fecal material on poultry
  - Fecal material, ingesta or milk on livestock carcasses, head, cheek or weasand meat
    - If noncompliance - Monitoring trend indicator to be marked

## Enforcement

- Repeated fecal material noncompliance
  - Noncompliance Records (NRs) should be linked
  - Directive 5000.1 Revision 1, Chapter IV
- Findings not from same cause
  - NRs should not be linked
- IIC reviews relevant records when fecal findings indicate systemic problem
  - NRs would be linked
  - Determine if food safety system is inadequate
- FSIS Directive 5000.1 Revision 1, Chapter IV, Enforcement Rules of Practice