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**CLARIFICATION FOR FSIS DIRECTIVE 5420.1, REVISION 1 – HOMELAND  
SECURITY THREAT CONDITION RESPONSE – FOOD SECURITY VERIFICATION  
PROCEDURES**

This notice addresses issues regarding how inspection program personnel are to respond and follow-up when there is a potential breach in food security, without product adulteration as set out in FSIS Directive 5420.1, Revision 1, Homeland Security Threat Condition Response –Food Security Verification Procedures.

When inspection program personnel find a potential breach in food security, FSIS Directive 5420.1, Revision 1, paragraph IX, instructs inspection program personnel to immediately notify the establishment management and discuss the findings. After doing so, inspection program personnel are to prepare a memorandum of interview that describes the findings and the discussions with the establishment management.

The establishment is not under any regulatory obligation to respond. After meeting with the plant management and preparing the memorandum of interview, inspection program personnel are to continue the random selection of food security procedures as instructed in FSIS Directive 5420.1, Revision 1, paragraph VI. Inspection program personnel are not to perform the same food security ISP procedure again as a means to determine how the establishment addressed the situation. Only while conducting random food security procedures, should inspection program personnel conduct the same food security ISP procedure.

If inspection program personnel encounter the same potential food security breach while randomly conducting food security procedures, they are to meet with the establishment management and prepare a second memorandum of interview on this breach. If inspection program personnel, through the random performance of food security procedures, encounter the same potential food security breach a third time, they are to once again meet with the establishment management and prepare a third

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memorandum of interview. If the establishment expresses no intention to address the breach, inspection personnel should notify the District Office through the Front Line Supervisor of this situation for further action.

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