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# FSIS Constituent Update

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## FSIS to Issue Directives and Notices

FSIS publishes directives and notices to enable the agency to carry out its mission of protecting public health. Within the next month, FSIS expects to issue the following directives and notices:

### Directives

- 5000.1, Revision 2 - *Verifying an Establishment's Food Safety System*. This directive is being revised to remove instructions to enforcement, investigation and analysis officers (EIAOs) because the instructions for EIAOs are being incorporated into the 5100 directives series. Major changes are the addition of instructions for verifying prerequisite programs under verification plans.

- 6000.1, Revision 1 - *Responsibilities Related to Foreign Animal Diseases*. This directive provides Public Health Veterinarians (PHVs) instructions to follow when they suspect that animals may have foreign animal diseases or

when PHVs observe symptoms of diseases or other reportable conditions. This directive is being revised to update the lists of reportable diseases and add Lagomorph (rabbits) diseases.

- 10,220.4 - *Using The FAST Antimicrobial Screen Test (FAST) To Detect Antimicrobial Drug Residues In Cattle And Swine*. This directive is being issued to replace the Swab Test on Premises (STOP) in swine slaughter establishments. FAST is the preferred in-plant screen test for any slaughter class of swine or cattle. This directive also clarifies FSIS policies regarding the use of in-plant residue screening tests for the detection of antimicrobial drug residues in cattle and swine.

- 12,600.1 - *Voluntary Reimbursable Inspection Services (Fee-for Service)*. This directive describes voluntary reimbursable services available to facilities such as warehouses, cold storage facilities and off-premise freezers.

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## Export Requirement Updates



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

**Australia**

**Cuba**

**Russia**

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).

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### Hot Link:

The Partnership for Food Safety Education has re-designed its Web site on Fight BAC!®

Fight BAC!® is a food safety education campaign that educates consumers about safe food handling.

To access this Web site, visit [www.fightbac.org](http://www.fightbac.org).

## Upcoming Directives and Notices...

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**Notices** (Numbers are assigned as notices are issued.)

• *Certification of Intestines or Animal Casings for Export.* This notice provides instructions to

inspection program personnel regarding intestines and casings from animals that are eligible to receive the marks of inspection and to be certified for export.

## FSIS Posts Quarterly Enforcement Report

FSIS posted on its Web site the quarterly enforcement report from the period of October 1, through December 31, 2005. The report provides a summary of the enforcement actions FSIS has taken to ensure that products that reach consumers are safe, wholesome and properly labeled.

FSIS inspects products produced in over 6,000 meat, poultry and egg plants. Since January 1998, meat and poultry plants have been operating hazard analysis and critical control point systems. Publication of this information is another step in the agency's commitment to openness and transparency in its work to protect the public from adulterated or misbranded meat, poultry and egg products.

The quarterly enforcement report is available on FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&\\_policies/quarterly\\_enforcement\\_reports/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/quarterly_enforcement_reports/index.asp).

## Export Tip of the Week

When completing the health certificate, the consignee must be identified as an importing agent who has a business address within the "country of destination." This is not the case for the exporter or the consignor, who may be someone within the United States or from another country.

Importing countries require that importers should be fully identified, which at a minimum

include the name of the importer and the city where the importer resides. A street address is helpful and the name of the state should be included if applicable.

Visit FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&Policies/Export\\_Information/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/index.asp) to learn more about requirements for exporting products to other countries.