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## Chile Eligible to Export Meat Products

FSIS is adding Chile to the list of countries eligible to export meat and meat products to the United States.

After a thorough review of the country's meat slaughter and processing inspection system, FSIS concluded that Chile's meat inspection laws, regulations, and other written materials demonstrate that the country's requirements are equivalent to relevant requirements in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA).

FSIS also determined that Chile's implementation of meat inspection standards and procedures is equivalent to that

of the United States.

Meat and meat products slaughtered and processed in certified Chilean establishments may be exported to the United States. All such products will be subject to re-inspection by FSIS inspectors at U.S. ports-of-entry, as required by law.

The country will be eligible to export meat and meat products to the United States beginning December 21.

For further information, contact Sally White, Director, International Equivalence Staff, Office of International Affairs, by phone at (202) 720-6400.

## Use of PBIS Set to Begin in December

FSIS issued Notice 79-05 recently. The notice announces that in December 2005, inspection program personnel will begin using Performance Based Inspection

System (PBIS) 5.1.3, which is an updated and enhanced version of the PBIS 5.1 system that provides for the inclusion of more information and improved security

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## Export Requirement Updates



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

**Chile**

**European Union**

**Germany**

Complete information can be found at: [www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&Policies/Export\\_Information/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/).

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features. Changes include a modified means of preparing Noncompliance Records (NRs) which involves use of an expanded list of relevant regulations in creating the NR. Changes also involve the inclusion of Profile Extensions that the Agency will use to gather information about establishment activities that are not already found in the Plant Profile. This would include gathering information about exported product and the establishment's Food Defense Plan.

PBIS 5.1.3 has been updated to

facilitate the Agency's ability to do a search of NRs. In previous PBIS versions, when documenting NRs, inspection program personnel selected applicable Sanitation Performance Standards (SPS), Sanitation SOP, and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point regulations from a pick list and if necessary, manually entered additional regulations specific to a product.

Notice 79-05 is available on FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&\\_policies/Notice\\_79-05/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/Notice_79-05/index.asp).

## **FSIS Issues Notice 80-05 on Beef Products**

FSIS issued Notice 80-05 on December 5. The notice instructs inspection program personnel to update their establishment profiles under the new Performance Based Inspection System (PBIS) version 5.1.3 to identify the production of raw ground or comminuted beef meeting the standard of identity mentioned in 9 CFR 319.15 a, b, or c, which are subject to *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O157:H7 testing under the MT03 project code.

Fresh or frozen beef or ground beef, hamburger, beef patties, veal patties and patty mix are products subject to the MT03 project sampling.

Raw ground beef which contains beef products from the advanced meat recovery (AMR) system are also subject to the MT03 project sampling.

The following products are not subject to the MT03 project sampling: beef steaks, veal steaks, partially defatted beef fatty tissue, any beef mixed with other species (pork or poultry), fresh beef sausage, Italian sausage, any raw beef sausage products and raw beef meatballs.

Inspection program personnel at the establishments will be able to update the establishment profiles in the PBIS 5.1.3 version by checking the "new" box that identifies raw ground products produced under the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point processing category.

However, this will only occur when the establishments meet the standard of identity found in the 9 CFR 319.15 articles, subject to the MT03 project sampling.

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## **FSIS Provides Information on AI**

FSIS has included on its Web site information regarding avian influenza.

Included on the Web page are a history of the virus, terminology associated with the virus and information on transmissibility and prevention.

For further information, visit FSIS' Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2005/11/0511.xml>.

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Notice 80-05 is available on FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&Policies/Notice\\_80-05/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Notice_80-05/index.asp).

For further information, contact FSIS' Technical Service Center at (800) 233-3935.

## **Form 10,240-1 Soon Available Online**

Beginning in early 2006, FSIS will provide online a revised Form 10,240-1, *Production on Post-Lethality Exposed Ready-to-Eat Products*.

Information about this form is provided in FSIS Notice 81-05. The notice instructs inspection program personnel to inform establishments that they may postpone the 2005 annual submission until the revised form is made available online.

This postponement is only possible if the establishments have made no changes to the information provided since the

previous submission of the form. Any establishment required to complete the form will be able to complete and submit the form entirely online when it becomes available.

In addition to making the form available online, FSIS is revising the content of the form. The revisions are still under development.

For further information about the form or to obtain a copy of Notice 81-05, visit FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&policies/Notice\\_81-05/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&policies/Notice_81-05/index.asp).

## **Reminder for Amenability Public Meeting**

A public meeting to discuss possible changes to the jurisdiction over certain foods that contain meat and poultry will be held by FSIS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 15 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, Ill. Registration at the meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. Amenability is the only issue that will be discussed at this meeting.

Seating is limited. To register for the meeting in advance please visit: [http://register.grad.usda.gov/conferences/fda/fda-fsis\\_reg\\_form.cfm](http://register.grad.usda.gov/conferences/fda/fda-fsis_reg_form.cfm).

The meeting agenda is available at: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&Events/Meetings\\_&Events/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&Events/Meetings_&Events/index.asp)

Those who plan to attend and submit comments at the meeting are encouraged to notify FSIS at the time of registration.