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# FSIS Constituent Update

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## Masters to Leave FSIS; Goldman to Serve as Acting Administrator

Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Richard Raymond today announced that FSIS Administrator Dr. Barbara Masters will leave the agency effective January 19 to become Senior Policy Analyst for Olsson, Frank & Weeda, P.C.

Raymond noted Masters' emphasis on communication and outreach at FSIS so that both industry and agency inspection program personnel are better prepared to carry out their food safety and food defense responsibilities.

Raymond also announced the selection of David Goldman, MD, MPH, to serve as acting FSIS Administrator until a permanent administrator is announced.

A captain in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, Goldman has been with FSIS since 2002. He previously served as Assistant Administrator of the Office of Public Health Science, and before that as Deputy Director

and then Director of FSIS' Human Health Sciences Division. He earned his medical degree at the University of Virginia and his master's in public health at the University of Washington.

Masters served as Acting FSIS Administrator and then Administrator since February 24, 2004, overseeing the regulation of meat, poultry and processed egg products.

She began her FSIS career in 1989 as a veterinary medical officer near Hot Springs, Arkansas. Masters has held a variety of posts throughout the agency, both in the field and at headquarters. Her previous positions include Director of the Slaughter Operations Staff, Branch Chief in Processing Operations, and a staff officer in the Technology Transfer and Coordination Staff.

She received her doctor of veterinary medicine from Mississippi State University and served in a food animal internship at Kansas State University.

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## Export Requirement Updates



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

**Mexico**

**Panama**

**People's Republic of China**

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).

## Under Secretary for Food Safety Issues Statement Following Release of Report on Risk-Based Inspection (RBI) Stakeholder Input Process

Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Richard Raymond recently released a statement following the release of a report from a neutral third-party the agency utilized to gather stakeholder information about RBI.

FSIS chose the consensus-building firm, Resolve, to facilitate stakeholder input and provide a report as it develops a more robust risk-based inspection system.

In a statement, Raymond thanked Resolve for its effort in facilitating the stakeholder input process, adding: "As the report makes clear, all stakeholders support the goal of improving food safety inspection by more effectively targeting inspection resources at those establishments, based on what they produce and how well

they control hazards, that are more likely to negatively impact public health."

FSIS will meet with consumer, industry and employee representatives to discuss the findings of the report.

Written comments regarding risk-based inspection are posted on FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/RBI\\_Stakeholder\\_Input\\_Process.pdf](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/RBI_Stakeholder_Input_Process.pdf).

The agency is still soliciting written comments specific to the Resolve report. Raymond's statement is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&Events/NR\\_122206\\_01/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&Events/NR_122206_01/index.asp).

## FSIS to Hold Regulatory Education Sessions for Small and Very Small Plants

FSIS will hold regulatory education sessions on January 24 and 31 for the owners and operators of small and very small plants in California, Virginia and Wyoming.

The sessions will cover a regulatory walk-through of sanitation standard operating procedures and the hazard

analysis and critical control point and rules of practice regulations. The agency has moved forward with plans to expand the regulatory education sessions.

The regulatory education sessions will be held at the following locations:

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## Export Tip of the Week

Exporters should check Export Notice 2006-5 for detailed instructions regarding exports of meat and poultry products to the People's Republic of China.

Effective March 1, exporters must provide China's Administration for Quality Standards, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) with the: (1) export certificate number; and (2) export certificate date.

This information must be provided for each shipment. Failure to notify AQSIQ could result in delayed entry.

For further information, call FSIS' Office of International Affairs at (202) 720-3473.

## Regulatory Education Sessions...

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Wednesday, January 24 from 5-7 p.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel – Covina, 1211 E. Garvey Street, Covina, Calif.;

Wednesday, January 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Doubletree Charlottesville, 990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, Va.

Wednesday, January 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the High

Plains Power, 230 West Main, Riverton, Wyo.

To register by phone, call (800) 336-3747. Online registration forms and information about upcoming sessions can be found at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Outreach/Sessions\\_SVS\\_Plants/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Outreach/Sessions_SVS_Plants/index.asp)

## FSIS Issues Directive 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 directive and notices:

### Directive

- *12,600.1 Rev. 1, Amend. 1, Voluntary Reimbursable Inspection Services.* This change transmittal is being issued to address questions the agency has received related to reimbursable overtime inspection.

### Notices

(Numbers are assigned as notices are issued.)

- *Documentation Related to Specified Risk Materials (SRMs) and Other Regulations.* This notice clarifies how inspection program personnel are to document regulatory noncompliance related to 9 CFR 310.22 for controlling specified

risk materials, as well as other regulations. Inspection program personnel are to cite 9 CFR 310.22 in the relevant regulation section of every noncompliance report for an establishment that does not meet the regulatory requirements for controlling SRMs.

- *Use of Results from Non-FSIS Laboratories.* This notice describes the decision-making process FSIS uses when determining whether it is appropriate to rely on results from a non-FSIS laboratory.

- *Importation of Canadian Cattle, Sheep, and Goats into the United States.* This notice provides information to FSIS personnel about the receipt, slaughter and inspection of cattle, sheep and goats imported from Canada. It also outlines the regulatory requirements for the importation of certain Canadian ruminants, which began July 15, 2005.