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## FSIS Posts Commonly Asked Questions on Corrective Actions

FSIS issued Notice 70-06 on October 23 titled, *Availability of Commonly Asked Questions Regarding Corrective Actions*.

establishments about corrective actions. It does not issue any verification procedures to FSIS personnel.

This notice informs inspection program personnel that the agency posted to its Web site commonly asked questions from small and very small

The question and answer documents are available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/help/FAQs\\_Small\\_&\\_Very\\_Small\\_Plants/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/help/FAQs_Small_&_Very_Small_Plants/index.asp).

## FSIS Continues to Solicit and Accept Comments on Risk-Based Inspection

FSIS is soliciting comments on the topics that were discussed during the public meeting on risk-based inspection (RBI).

facilitator, Resolve. The agency will make another announcement at that time about the availability of the report and opportunity for public comment on the report.

FSIS held the public meeting on October 10 and 11 to discuss risk-based inspection issues. The meeting provided an overview of FSIS' vision for risk-based inspection. Agenda items also included discussions on measuring establishment risk control, measuring inherent product risk and risk-based inspection implementation.

Comments can be submitted by e-mail to [RiskBasedInspection@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:RiskBasedInspection@fsis.usda.gov) or by fax to (202) 690-6519.

The agency is accepting comments until it posts a report in December prepared for the Agency by the third party

For more information about risk-based inspection, the workshop meeting materials and background and technical papers, visit FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations/Risk\\_Based\\_Inspection/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations/Risk_Based_Inspection/)

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## Export Requirement Updates



There were no changes in the export requirements this week.

To learn more about exporting products to other countries 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).

## *E. coli* Positive Sample Reported

The 15th *E. coli* O157:H7 positive case this year was reported from a sample collect on October 11 in FSIS' microbiological sampling program. The sample was collected in Missouri.

This report brings to 294 the overall number of positive samples analyzed since the inception of the program. There have been

9,350 samples analyzed so far this year; 89,261 samples have been analyzed overall.

For more information about results from the sampling program, visit FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/2006\\_Ecoli\\_Positive\\_Results/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/2006_Ecoli_Positive_Results/index.asp).

## Export Tip of the Week

Certification statements required by importing countries are sometimes too voluminous to include in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5, *Meat and Poultry Export Certificates of Wholesomeness*. In such cases, the certification statements are provided on letterhead certificates that are placed in the country requirements and can be easily downloaded for signature by FSIS inspection officials.

These letterhead certificates should not be modified, and additional statements should not be included on the preprinted form. If importers demand that additional statements be included on the letterhead certificate or in the "Remarks" section of Form 9060-5, call the Office of International Affairs at (202) 720-3473 for further guidance.