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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).

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.

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

party facilitator, Resolve, Inc. The agency will make another announcement at that time about the report's availability and an opportunity for public comment.

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

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_&Policies/Risk_Based_Inspection/index.asp.

FSIS Issues Notice on Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

FSIS published a *Federal Register* notice on November 3, titled, *Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection (Registration Requirements)*.

This notice announces that FSIS is requesting an extension of an approved information collection regarding registration requirements.

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Export Requirement Updates



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

Colombia

People's Republic of China

Peru

Complete information can be found at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/index.asp.

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The agency is accepting comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulation.gov> or by e-mail at fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov.

The notice is available on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/2006-0036.htm>.

FSIS to Co-Chair Symposium on Risk

FSIS will co-chair a symposium during the 2006 Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) annual meeting. The theme of the meeting is "Risk Analysis in a Dynamic World: Making a Difference."

The SRA meeting will be held from December 3 - 6, at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, 202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

The symposium will focus on modeling the attribution of foodborne illness in the United States and adaptation of a model for attributing human Salmonellosis to consumption of meat, poultry and eggs in the United States.

For more information about the symposium, visit <http://birenheide.com/sra/2006AM/program/singleession.php3?sessid=M3-E>.

Export Tip of the Week

Did you know the Export Information page on FSIS' Web site has been updated to provide new information to aide inspectors and exporters as they prepare product for export?

been replaced with a new link titled, Export Certification Checklist." This link offers a combined, more streamlined version of the information found at the two previous links.

A new featured item was created to store the Export Tip of the Week. The featured tip will change on a weekly basis as new export tips are published. In addition, export tips published since March will be featured under "Export Tip of the Week Archive."

A new link titled "Frequently Asked Questions" has also been added. The "USDA Trade Assistance" now takes users directly to the contacts at the Foreign Agricultural Services' overseas offices. FSIS' Office of International Affairs believes these changes will save the user valuable time when certifying or preparing product for export.

The "Establishing Eligibility" and "Certifying Meat and Poultry Products for Export" links have