

**United States Department of Agriculture
Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
Field Operations (FO)**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522A) requires that certain information be given to you when you are requested to furnish personal information to a Government Agency. The required information is provided in this Notice. The act does not apply, however, to business information about your firm.

AUTHORITY FOR REQUESTING INFORMATION

Authority for requesting both personal and business information is contained in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.601 et seq.) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.). Under these Acts, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to determine the fitness of applicants for or recipients of inspection service to engage in business requiring inspection. Your disclosure of personal information to aid in this determination is mandatory. The Acts also require full and complete disclosure of records and information showing the transactions of your business.

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED

This information is being requested to establish and record your identity as a responsible official of the business and to determine your fitness to receive a Grant of Inspection.

ROUTINE USES WHICH MAY BE MADE OF THE INFORMATION

In appropriate situations, a report containing the information you furnish may be referred to other federal, state, local or foreign agencies charged with law enforcement or the investigation or prosecution of law violations.

EFFECTS OF FAILURE TO FURNISH INFORMATION

Failure to provide requested information may delay or interfere with your receiving inspection service and may result in civil penalties of \$100.00 per day against you or your business, as prescribed by (15 U.S.C. 50). In addition, persons making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entries are subject to a \$10,000.00 fine or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both, as prescribed by (18 U.S.C 1001).