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PROCESSING USDA--DONATED COMMODITIES

I. PURPOSE

This directive prescribes procedures to be followed by FSIS inspection personnel when meat and poultry commodities donated by USDA to the FNS-Approved Nutrition Program, e.g., National School Lunch Program, and Nutrition Program for the Elderly, enter an official establishment to be fabricated or further processed.

II. CANCELLATION

FSIS Directive 7010.1, dated 7/18/84.

III. REASON FOR REISSUANCE

This directive is revised to (1) reprint the updated version of FNS Regulations, Section 250.30(g), (2) to provide procedures to inspection personnel; and (3) include as attachments a listing of regional offices for both FNS and AMS. The change in the regulations deleted the portion that addressed the dollar value of the contract of donated meat or poultry items to be processed.

IV. REFERENCES

FNS Regulations 7 CFR 250.30, Section 250.30(f) and 250.3(g). Cross-Utilization Agreement between AMS and FSIS.

V. ABBREVIATIONS

The following will appear in their abbreviated form in this directive:

AMS	Agricultural Marketing Service
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service
DA	Distribution Agency
RA	Recipient Agency

VI. POLICY

A. Section 250.30(f) of FNS regulations prohibits the substitution of commercial meat and poultry products for donated meat or poultry products.

B. In addition, the regulations provide that whenever USDA-donated commodities are to be fabricated or further processed; e.g., "USDA-Donated Ground Beef" are to be fabricated into "Patties", or "USDA-Donated Turkeys" are to be further processed into "Turkey Rolls", such processing must be accomplished in accordance with Section 250.30 of the FNS regulations which reads as follows:

"(g) Meat and poultry inspection programs. When donated meat or poultry products are processed or when any commercial meat or poultry products are incorporated into an end product containing one or more donated foods, all of the processing shall be performed in plants (operating) under continuous Federal meat or poultry inspection, or continuous State meat or poultry inspection in States certified to have programs at least equal to the Federal inspection programs. *** In addition to FSIS inspection, all donated meat and poultry processing shall be performed under AMS acceptance service grading. The cost of this service shall be borne by the processor....".

C. When a USDA-donated meat or poultry product is further processed under an exemption from AMS acceptance services, the processor is required to have the waiver approved by the responsible State DA prior to the processing of that specific order and made available to FSIS upon request. The DA must ensure, based on processor's past performance, that the quality of the end product produced will in no way be adversely affected as a result of waiving the requirement. Examples for which an exemption may be authorized are as follows when a processor can demonstrate:

a. A processor cannot secure the services of a grader, even with ample notification time;

b. The cost of grading services are unduly excessive in relation to value of foods being processed and that production runs cannot be combined or scheduled to enable prorating the costs of services among purchasers of end products; or

c. The documented urgency of the RA needs for the end product precludes the use of AMS acceptance services.

D. FNS and AMS shall be notified of all instances where an AMS grader is not present during the further processing of USDA-donated meat or poultry product.

E. In the event that donated meat or poultry commodities are processed with an AMS employee on premises, the inspector will work with the AMS person to assure that tasks are not duplicated. Under the conditions of the cross-utilization agreement, the requirements of each Agency must be accomplished whether both Agency officials are on duty or only one is on duty.

VII. INSPECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A. FSIS inspectors assigned to plants further processing USDA-donated commodities shall:

1. Assure adherence to all applicable meat and poultry inspection regulations and approved QC programs without exception.

2. Assure that all responsibilities and requirements of AMS are

satisfied when an FSIS employee is responsible for performing AMS duties under the cross-utilization agreement.

3. Immediately inform supervisor whenever AMS graders are not present when USDA-donated meat or poultry products are processed. Also, provide information regarding the type and amount of commodities being processed, to include the type of the end product(s) and the contracting State DA and RA.

B. FSIS inspection supervisors will, upon confirmation of the assigned inspector's findings, immediately transmit the information to the regional office.

C. The FSIS Regional Staff Officer will transmit this information to the appropriate field offices of AMS and FNS. (See attachments for the lists of FNS and AMS offices.)

W.S. Horne
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Attachments

- 1-List of Field Offices - FNS
- 2-List of Field Offices - AMS, Livestock & Seed Division
Meat Grading and Certification
Branch
- 3-List of Field Offices - AMS, Poultry Division, Poultry
Grading Branch

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FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES
Regional Offices

REGION	TELEPHONE NUMBERS	STATES IN REGION
MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE Food and Nutrition Service U.S. Department of Agriculture Vahlsing Center Robbinsville, NJ 08691	(609)259-5118 FTS-348-5118	Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands
MIDWEST REGIONAL OFFICE Food and Nutrition Service	(312)353-1872 FTS-353-1872	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin U.S.

Department of
Agriculture
536 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60605

MOUNTAIN PLAINS REGIONAL OFFICE (303)844-0366 Colorado, Iowa, Kansas,
FTS-564-0366 Missouri, Montana, Nebraska,
Food and Nutrition Service North Dakota, South Dakota,
U.S. Department of Utah, Wyoming
Agriculture
1244 Speer Boulevard,
Suite 903
Denver, CO 80204

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL OFFICE (617)565-6426 Connecticut, Maine,
FTS-835-6426 Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
Food and Nutrition Service Rhode Island, Vermont
U.S. Department of
Agriculture
10 Causeway Street, 501
Boston, MA 02222-1066

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE (404)347-4911 Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
Food and Nutrition Service 257-4911 Kentucky, Mississippi,
U.S. Department of North Carolina,
Agriculture South Carolina, Tennessee
1100 Spring Street, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30309

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE (214)767-0214 Arkansas, Louisiana,
Food and Nutrition Service FTS-729-0214 New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
U.S. Department of
Agriculture
1100 Commerce Street
Dallas, TX 75242

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES
REGIONAL OFFICE

WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE (415)556-6357 Alaska, American Samoa,
Food and Nutrition Service FTS-556-6357 Arizona, California, Guam,
U.S. Department of Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada
Agriculture Oregon, Trust Territories,
550 Kearny Street Washington
San Francisco, CA 94108

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AGRICULTURE MARKING SERVICES
LIVESTOCK and SEED DIVISION
MEAT GRADING and CERTIFICATION BRANCH

OFFICES	TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Meat Grading and Certification Branch LS, AMS, USDA Room 2638, South Building 14th & Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20250	(202)382-1246 FTS-382-1246

REGIONS	TELEPHONE NUMBERS	STATE IN REGION
CHICAGO Meat Grading and Certification Branch LS, AMS, USDA Room 217 Maryland, 4101 South Halsted Street IL 60609-2695	(312)352-6581 FTS-353-6581	Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maine, Chicago, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island

DALLAS Meat Grading and Certification Branch LS, AMS, USDA Room 7C59, E. Cabell Federal Building 1100 Commerce Street Dallas, TX 75242	(214)767-6909 FTS-729-6909	North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Virgin Island, New Mexico
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DENVER Meat Grading and Certification Branch LS, AMS, USDA 206 Livestock Exchange Building Denver, CO 80216-2139	(303)294-7676 FTS-564-7676	Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaiian Islands, Alaska
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AGRICULTURE MARKETING SERVICES
LIVESTOCK AND SEED DIVISION
MET GRADING AND CERTIFICATION BRANCH

OFFICES

TELEPHONE
NUMBERS

635 Cox Road, Suite F Washington, DC, Gastonia, NC 28054	(704)867-3871	Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, West Virginia
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LITTLE ROCK

#1 Natural Resources Dr. Room 110 P.O. Box 5674 Little Rock, AR 72215	(501)378-5955 FTS-740-5955	Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee
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DES MOINES

Room 777 210 Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50309	(515)284-4581 FTS-862-4581	Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin
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MODESTO

World Plaza Building 1508 Coffee Road Suite Denver, Modesto, CA 95355	(209)522-5251 209-522-5251	Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming
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