OPI: S&T/TSL

SUBMISSION OF IMPORT SAMPLES FOR RESIDUE ANALYSES

I.   PURPOSE

This directive provides guidance to assure that Science and Technology (S&T) laboratories receive import samples requesting only those residue analyses for which they have the analytical capability.

II. (RESERVED)

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IV. POLICY

To assure that receiving laboratories have the capability to analyze for the requested residue, samples must be submitted to the laboratories as indicated on FSIS Form 10,520-4, Import Residue Sample Requirements and Designated Laboratories.

V.   REFERENCES

            FSIS Directive 7355.1, dated 2/4/88
            FSIS Directive 10,600.1, dated 10/6/83

VI. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the International Program (IP) inspector to assure that the proper residue and destination laboratory are selected for each sample submitted.

VII. ROUTINE PROCEDURES

Using the information contained on FSIS Form 10,520-4, the following actions will be completed by the inspector:

    A. Select the proper laboratory from the current issue of FSIS Form 10,520-4. (This form is updated, published, and distributed annually by IP, Program Development Division.)

    B. Ship residue samples to the designated laboratory only.

VIII.   SPECIAL PROCEDURES

    A. Ship samples as directed in special protocols or in instructions on the assignment sheet.

B. If a residue assignment cannot be identified using the procedure in VII. A., the IP Program Manager should telephone S&T, Office of Technical Support, for sample submission instructions at (202 447-4954)

IX. DISCARDS

N (Normal) samples received at a laboratory that does not have the analytical capability for the requested residue will be discarded. I (Increased), S (Special), and F (Hold) samples will be transhipped to the correct laboratory.

X.   LABORATORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND MAILING ADDRESSES

Laboratory names, addresses and telephone numbers are included on the bottom of FSIS Form 10,520-4, dated 3/91.

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