

### ***STEP 3 Obtain Approved Labels***

After an application for inspection has been filed, an official plant number will be reserved upon request by the applicant. This number is used to identify all inspected and passed products prepared in the establishment. All carcasses from slaughtered animals must be ink-branded with the U.S. Inspection legend, which includes the plant number. All packaged meat products must have the U.S. Inspection legend, with the plant's number printed on the label of the package. All labeling material must be federally approved and on-hand before inspection will be granted.

See - [FSIS Form 7234.1 and instructions](#)

See – CFR Parts [316, 317, & 381.96 thru 381.144](#)

See **Attachment 2 – Additional FSIS Contacts for Information**