



Health Risks and Safety Controls Associated with Importing Meat, Poultry & Processed Egg Products



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URGENCY

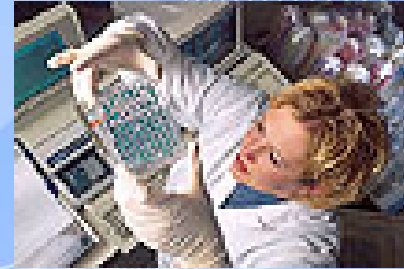
- animal feed ingredients (melamine)
- beef trimmings (*E. coli* O157:H7)
- chicken products (avian influenza)



URGENCY



HAZARDS



Pathogens: *E. coli* O157:H7
Salmonella spp.
Listeria monocytogenes

Residues: **Veterinary drugs**
Pesticides



HAZARDS



Contaminants: Feces
Dirt
Vermin

Condition: Tampering
Transportation
damage



CONTROLS

Triad of protection

- **Equivalence**
- **Audits**
- **Re-inspection**



CONTROLS

Equivalence

- **animal disease**
- **slaughter and processing**
- **residues**
- **sanitation**
- **enforcement**



CONTROLS

Equivalence (34 countries)

1. Argentina
2. Australia
3. Austria
4. Belgium
5. Brazil
6. Canada
7. Chile
8. China
9. Costa Rica
10. Croatia
11. Czech Republic
12. Denmark
13. Finland
14. France
15. Germany
16. Honduras
17. Hungary
18. Iceland
19. Ireland
20. Israel
21. Italy
22. Japan
23. Mexico
24. Netherlands
25. New Zealand
26. Nicaragua
27. Northern Ireland
28. Poland
29. Romania
30. San Marion
31. Spain
32. Sweden
33. United Kingdom
34. Uruguay



CONTROLS

Audits

- **certified establishments**
- **laboratories**
- **government controls**



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Audits

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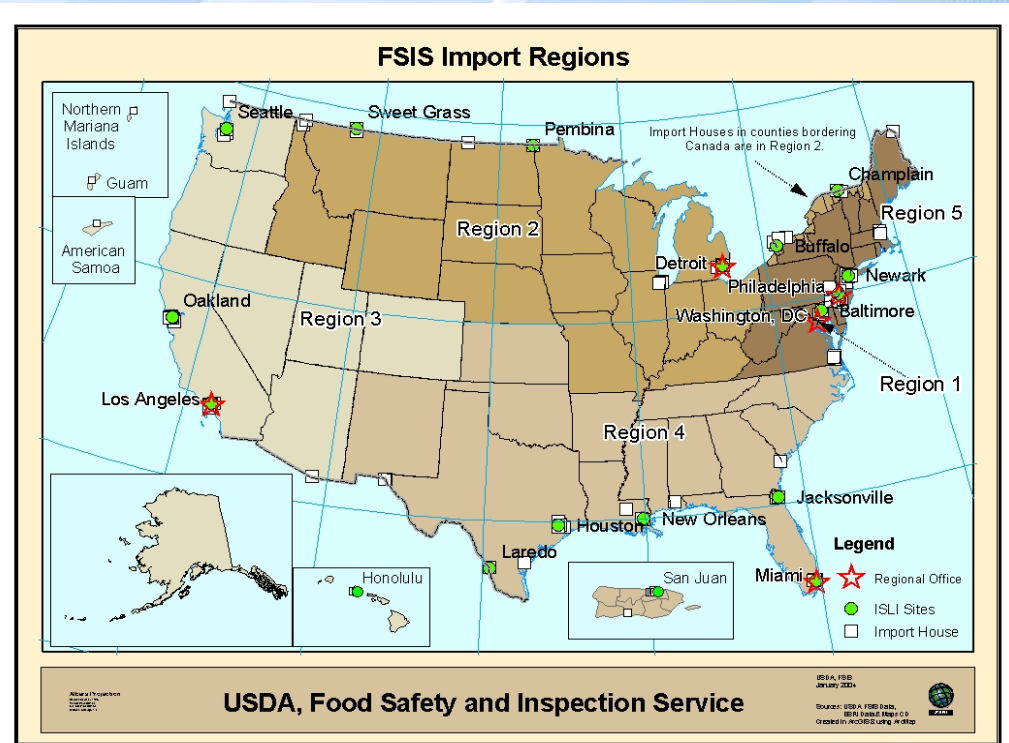
- **213 establishments**
- **63 laboratories**
- **82 government controls**



CONTROLS

Re-inspection

- 70 import inspectors
- 140 I houses



CONTROLS



Re-inspection

- **Documentation**
 - equivalent country
 - certified plant
 - eligible product
- **AIIS**
 - FSIS requirements
 - APHIS requirements



CONTROLS



Re-inspection

- **Random organoleptic product exams**
 - **10% of shipments**

- **Random laboratory sampling**
 - **5% of eligible shipments (pathogens)**
 - **2% of eligible shipments (residues)**



CONTROLS

Suspension

- products
- plants
- country



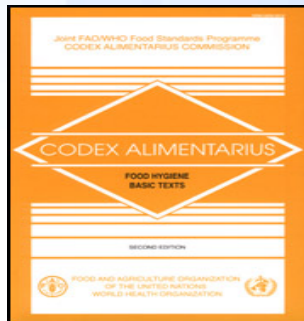
**UNITED STATES
REFUSED ENTRY**

COOPERATION

- ISLOs
- CBP
- APHIS
- FDA
- EPA
- foreign governments
- importers



International Standards Bodies



Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)

World Trade Organization (WTO)

CONCLUSION

- **real concerns**
- **real hazards**
- **real protection**

FSIS Triad of Protection

- **equivalence**
- **audits**
- **re-inspection**





THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

