



# FSIS Directive 5010.1

## FOOD SAFETY RELATED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION DURING WEEKLY MEETINGS



# Purpose

- Many topics that are pertinent to an establishment's food safety system and that could affect public health are currently not being discussed at weekly meetings
- The directive stresses the importance of the weekly meetings and the need for those meetings to address any pertinent topics related to food safety
- The directive provides a general list of food safety related topics that FSIS personnel should consider discussing with the establishment during weekly meetings



# Weekly Meetings

- The purpose of the weekly meetings is to provide an opportunity for IPP and Import Inspection Personnel address matters that affect the establishment's on-going compliance with FSIS requirements
- Meetings should benefit both inspection personnel and the establishment
- Discussion of issues during the weekly meeting is not intended to replace documentation of noncompliance
- Simply because an issue is not discussed at the weekly meeting doesn't mean that the issue could not be documented on an NR

# Weekly Meetings

- Inspection Personnel are to conduct weekly meetings with establishment management
- These weekly meetings are an opportunity for establishments to share information regarding their operations
- A wide variety of topics can be discussed at the meetings and are not limited to the suggested issues listed in the directive



# Suggested Issues To Discuss

- In-plant observations
- Issues and information that the establishment wishes to share
- Agency issuances
- Information regarding FSIS sampling
- Information related to the establishment's food safety system
- Information from external sources
- Any inspection related activities occurring outside of approved hours of operation



## PREPARING THE MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

- In accordance with the instructions in [FSIS Directive 5000.1](#) in meat, poultry and import establishments
- In accordance with the policy addressed in [FSIS Notice 41-09](#) in egg products plants



# New Information on MOI

- If an establishment objects to any part of the MOI, IPP are to:
  - document the objection at the end of, or as an attachment to, the MOI
  - If the establishment's objections are in writing, IPP are to attach the written objection to the MOI
- IPP have no obligation to resolve any issues raised in the objection but are to acknowledge the receipt of the objections by including them with the MOI
- FSIS is to provide a copy of the amended MOI to the establishment