

**Summary of
RE-INSPECTION OF PRODUCT INTENDED FOR EXPORT
FSIS Directive 9040.1 Rev. 3
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Purpose

This directive provides inspection program personnel with the procedures for reinspecting product that has been presented for export. These responsibilities and procedures apply whether the product is located at the establishment or off-site at a non-official establishment, such as in cold storage.

Reason for Reissuance

This directive was revised to provide for the examination of boxes or containers in situations where inspection program personnel have a reason to question whether the product as labeled meets the importing country's requirements.

9 CFR 322.2 and 381.105, provide for the re-inspection and certification of products for export. The purpose of a re-inspection of product that will be exported is to verify the product's safety, wholesomeness, identity, and eligibility for export. Inspection program personnel conduct a re-inspection of product for export after they receive and review FSIS Form 9060-6, Application for Export.

As set out in FSIS Directive 9000.1, Rev. 1, Export Certification, inspection program personnel are to verify that each product listed on the application complies with the meat and poultry products regulations and the importing country's requirements.

If the application is in order, inspection program personnel perform an organoleptic examination of the shipping cartons for signs of poor product handling, or storage. If the cartons are sound, inspection program personnel proceed by following the instructions in FSIS Directive 9000.1, Rev. 1, sign FSIS Form 9060-6, and issue FSIS Form 9060-5 and the Export Stamp.

FSIS responsibilities when product is determined to be unsound or unwholesome

If inspection program personnel find signs of poor product handling and storage while conducting the organoleptic examination of the shipping cartons at either official or non-official establishments, they are to take the following steps.

1. Do not sign the application.
2. In official establishments and non-official establishments, randomly select up to **5 percent** of the boxes or containers. In considering the percentage of boxes to select, inspection program personnel should consider the basis for their concern and the need to expose the contents of boxed product to the environment.

In an **official establishment**, request the applicant to open the selected sample of boxes or containers in a manner that will not create insanitary conditions or lead to product adulteration.

At official establishments when any of the product is determined to be unsound or unwholesome, issue a Non-Compliance Record under the appropriate 06 code and take the appropriate enforcement actions described in FSIS Directive 5000.1, Revision 1.

In a **non-official establishment**, request the applicant to open the selected sample of the boxes or containers in a sanitary environment, or have the selected samples of the boxes or containers moved to a facility where boxes can be opened in a sanitary environment.

At non-official establishments when any of the product is determined to be unsound or unwholesome, detain product as set out in FSIS Directive 8410.1 and complete FSIS Form 8080-1 Notice of Detention.

At official and non-official establishment when the establishment refuses to open the boxes, do not to sign the application and document in a Memorandum of Interview why the applicant will not open the boxes. Provide a copy of the memorandum to the applicant and maintain a copy in the inspection files.

FSIS responsibilities when the information of FSIS Form 9060-6 does not meet requirements.

If inspection program personnel have reason to question whether the product is properly identified and labeled to meet the importing country's requirements, use the inspection methodology outlined in FSIS Directives 5400.5 and 5000.1, Revision 1.

Reinspect the open boxes to ensure that it is properly labeled, not misbranded and is eligible for export to the country listed on the application.

Take and document enforcement or detention actions.

FSIS responsibilities, in official or non-official establishment, if product in the container or the labeling does not meet the importing country's requirements.

Discuss concerns with the Applicant.

Document a Memorandum of Interview.

Provide a copy of the Memorandum to the Applicant and maintain a copy in the inspection files.

Direct questions to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.