

## Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Surveillance Program and Holding Procedures

### Previous Requirements Before January 12, 2004

### Current Requirements Beginning January 12, 2004

<p><b>Situation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No BSE positives had been found in the U.S.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Situation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first BSE positive for a cow in the U.S. was confirmed on December 25, 2003.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Testing for BSE:</b> Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) tested cattle for BSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattle that FSIS personnel condemned because they showed possible symptoms of BSE.</li> <li>This included non-ambulatory disabled cattle, which were allowed to be slaughtered in certain cases.</li> <li>Random samples from brains of cattle that appeared to be healthy (surveillance).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Testing for BSE:</b> Specially trained FSIS PHVs will collect samples for BSE testing from cattle condemned on ante mortem inspection by FSIS veterinarians at federally inspected establishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All cattle, regardless of age, and including veal calves that display signs of central nervous system (CNS) disorders.</li> <li>All cattle, except veal calves, that are condemned for any disorder other than CNS. This includes, but is not limited to dead or dying animals and non-ambulatory disabled cattle.</li> <li>FSIS no longer allows non-ambulatory disabled cattle to be slaughtered. The owner is responsible for having the animal humanely euthanized. APHIS will sample the carcass for BSE at an inedible rendering facility.</li> <li>BSE Surveillance samples are sent to USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories or other designated laboratories.</li> </ul> <p>The APHIS area veterinary inspector-in-charge (AVIC) focuses upon sample collection activities at locations other than federally-inspected establishments (e.g., rendering operations and on-farm).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>APHIS personnel collect brain samples from apparently healthy adult cattle 30 months of age and older that have been presented for slaughter as part of the</li> </ul>

	<p>Enhanced Surveillance Program. FSIS facilitates this sample collection. FSIS Notice 65-05.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APHIS will continue BSE surveillance and testing at an increased rate.</li> <li>• BSE Surveillance samples are sent to USDA’s National Veterinary Services Laboratories.</li> </ul> <p>(A notice was published on January 12, 2004.)</p>
<p><b>Inspection procedures – FSIS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Inspected and passed” mark of inspection applied to carcasses and parts from cattle that were selected for testing by APHIS for BSE, before the results were received.</li> <li>• Recommended that plants hold carcasses until test results were received.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Inspection procedures – FSIS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Inspected and passed” mark of inspection will <u>not</u> be applied to carcasses and parts from cattle that are selected for testing by APHIS for BSE.</li> </ul> <p>(A notice was published on January 12, 2004.)</p>