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Regulatory References: HUMANE HANDLING

Regulatory Reference	Summary
 <p>Statutes</p> <p>FMIA 603(b)</p>	<p>Authority: Outlines FSIS’s inspection authority over the methodology of humane handling and slaughtering of livestock.</p> <p>Authorizes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary of Agriculture to establish rules and regulations to ensure that establishments meet the requirements of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA). • FSIS may refuse to grant inspection or temporarily suspend slaughter and/or handling inspecting for establishments not in compliance with the HMSA.
 <p>Regulations</p> <p>9 CFR 313</p>	<p>Main Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains the regulations for complying with the HMSA including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock pens, driveways, and ramps ○ Handling of livestock ○ Chemical; carbon dioxide ○ Mechanical; captive bolt ○ Mechanical; gunshot ○ Electrical; stunning or slaughtering with electric current ○ Tagging of equipment, alleyways, pens, or compartments to prevent inhumane slaughter or handling in connection with slaughter
 <p>Directives</p> <p>FSIS Directive 6900.1, Revision 1, Humane Handling of Disabled Livestock</p> <p>FSIS Directive 6900.2, Revision 1, Humane Handling and Slaughter of Livestock</p>	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides procedures for ensuring the humane handling of disabled livestock by establishment employees from the time the livestock enter official establishment premises until the time they are slaughtered by humane methods. • Informs inspection program personnel of the requirements, verification activities, and enforcement actions for ensuring that the handling and slaughter of livestock, including the slaughter of livestock by religious ritual methods, is humane.



Notices

Notice 12-05, Documentation of Humane Handling Activities

Notice 16-08, Humane Handling Activities and Documentation in Livestock Slaughter Establishments

Notice 17-08, Increased Verification of Humane Handling Requirements in Livestock Slaughter Establishments

Purpose:

- Explains information to record in the Humane-handling Activities Tracking (HAT) system under the Electronic Animal Disposition Report System (eADRS).
- Explains information to include on noncompliance records (NRs) issued for humane handling noncompliance.
- Provides instructions for Public Health Veterinarians (PHVs) and other inspection program personnel on conducting humane handling activities randomly throughout their tours of duty.
- Explains the requirement that inspection program personnel assigned to federally inspected livestock slaughter establishments are to significantly increase the time spent verifying humane handling regulatory requirements and documenting verification activities in the Humane Activities Tracking System (HATS).



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Regulatory References: LABELING

Regulatory Reference	Summary
 <p>Statutes</p> <p>FMIA 607 PPIA 457</p>	<p>Authority: FSIS can withhold the use of any false or misleading labels or marks. Mislabeled product can be subject for a recall.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meat and meat food products must be properly labeled, marked, and packaged. • Labels must not be false or misleading.
 <p>Regulations</p> <p>9 CFR 316 and 317 9 CFR 381, Subpart N</p>	<p>Main Requirements/Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies up to 8 required label features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Product name ○ Inspection legend and est. number ○ Handling statement ○ Net weight statement ○ Ingredients statement ○ Address line ○ Nutrition facts ○ Safe handling instructions • Defines 'misbranding' as food that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bears labeling that is false or misleading in any particular ○ Is offered for sale under the name of another food ○ Is an imitation of another food without proper labeling • Label approval processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior FSIS approval of labels is traditionally required for all product labels ○ Meat and poultry plants submit labels for approval ○ Labeling "Policy Book" precedents become de facto regulation ○ FSIS inspection force monitors label usage and product formulation
 <p>Directives</p> <p>FSIS 7000.1, Verification of Non-Food Safety Consumer Protection Regulatory Requirements</p>	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides guidelines for verifying that plants comply with regulatory requirements designed to protect the consumer in ways other than ensuring food safety. • Provides guidelines for inspectors to ensure that modifications to the FSIS food labeling prior approval program regulations are implemented



**FSIS Directive 7221.1,
Amendment 1, Prior
Labeling Approval**

**FSIS Directive 7235.1,
Mandatory Safe Handling
Statements on Labeling of
Raw and Partially Cooked
Meat and Poultry Products**

**FSIS Directive 7237.1,
Labeling of Ingredients -
Revision 1 Amendment 1**

**FSIS Directive 7260.1,
Questions and Answers--
Nutrition Labeling of Meat
and Poultry Products**

**FSIS Directive 7620.3,
Processing Inspector's
Calculations Book**

effectively and without disruption to the inspection process.

- Provides guidelines for verifying proper application of mandatory safe handling statements to raw and partially cooked meat and poultry products.
- Provides information on the labeling of ingredients.
- Addresses commonly asked questions regarding the proper labeling of meat and poultry products.
- Provides sample calculation methods, various regulatory limitations on the use of restricted ingredients in meat and poultry products, and standards for interpreting the regulations for calculation purposes and consistent calculation methods for inspection and establishment personnel.



Notices

There is no active notice pertaining to this topic on the FSIS Web site. Inspection Personnel should check for new policies regularly on the FSIS Web site under Regulations & Policies.



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Regulatory References: EXPORTED PRODUCT

Regulatory Reference	Summary
 Statutes FMIA 615 through 619	Authority: The statute requires FSIS to inspect meat and meat food products prior to export. It also gives the Secretary broad authority to determine the time and manner of inspection and covers FSIS certification of products prior to shipping.
 Regulations 9 CFR 322 9 CFR 381, Subpart M	Main Requirements/Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All outside containers (including cloth wrappings) of any inspected and passed product for export must be marked with an official export stamp bearing the number of the export certificate.• Inspectors in charge are authorized to issue official export certificates for shipments of inspected and passed product to any foreign country.• Certificates should be issued at the time the products leave the official establishment; if not issued at that time they may be issued later only after identification and reinspection of the products.
 Directives FSIS Directive 9000.1, Revision 1, Export Certification FSIS Directive 9010.1, Revision 1, Export Products Returned to the United States FSIS Directive 9040.1, Revision 3, Reinspection of Product Intended for Export	Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides guidance on accessing the FSIS Web site Export Library to check current export requirements, which change frequently.• Provides forms to be used for inspection duties related to exported products.• Provides instructions and procedures to follow when meat, poultry, and egg products bearing the mark of inspection are exported from and subsequently returned to the U.S.• Provides procedures for re-inspecting product that has been presented for export.



Notices

Notice 27-08, Export of Poultry Product Produced for Russia

Notice 42-08, Export Library Revisions for May 2008

Notice 54-07, Updated Requirements for Certifying Beef Exports to Korea

Purpose:

- Explains export requirements for Russia or published on the FSIS Web site in the Export Library under "Export Requirements for Meat, Poultry & Egg Products."
- Monthly export library revision notices provide links to the pages of the Export Library for those countries that have made changes in their export requirements during the preceding month.
- Clarifies new requirements that inspection program personnel must verify before signing any new applications for export of beef to Korea.