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## FSIS to Begin Routine Sampling for Six Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* and *E. coli* O157:H7 in Raw Beef Manufacturing Trimmings June 4

***Federal Register Notice Now Available on FSIS Website***

The Food Safety and Inspection Service today posted on its website a *Federal Register* notice to confirm that it will begin implementing routine verification sampling for six Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC), in addition to *E. coli* O157:H7, in raw beef manufacturing trimmings. Sampling will begin June 4, 2012.

The *Federal Register* notice also includes responses to comments on the September 20, 2011, *Federal Register* notice, Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* in Certain Raw Beef Products regarding the June 4, 2012, implementation of STEC sampling and related issues. A copy of the *Federal Register* Notice may be found at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&\\_Policies/Federal\\_Register\\_Notices/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Federal_Register_Notices/index.asp).