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FSIS Provides Lab Method Update

A quantitative method for the drug Ceftiofur, called “Determination for Ceftiofur-Related Residues by High Performance Liquid Chromatography,” has been converted to FSIS Chemistry Laboratory Guidebook (CLG) format for use in agency laboratories. This method is applicable to muscle and kidney in beef and pork.

Once finalized, the method will be posted to the CLG, the agency will begin implementation on Oct. 1. For additional details about the method, visit www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Chemistry_Lab_Guidebook/index.asp.

Hurricane Isaac Causes Flooding and Power Outages in the Gulf Coast

A Consumer’s Guide to Food Safety: Severe Storms and Hurricanes

Flood waters and the loss of power from high winds and heavy rains could jeopardize the safety of food for people living in the Gulf Coast. Knowing how to determine if food is safe to eat will help minimize the loss of food and reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

FSIS’ publication, *A Consumer’s Guide to Food Safety: Severe Storms and Hurricanes*, provides specific food safety recommendations on what to do before, during and after tropical storms and hurricanes. To view the guide, visit www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Severe_Storms_and_Hurricanes_Guide.pdf to print and keep for reference.

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Export Requirement Updates



The Library of Export Requirements has been updated to reflect changes in export requirements for the following countries:

El Salvador

Republic of Korea

Russia

Complete information can be found at www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Export_Information/index.asp.

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Nebraska Plant Owners Face Federal Indictments

United States Attorney Deborah Gilg, for the District of Nebraska, announced last week federal grand jury indictments against Paul and Kelly Rosberg, owners of Nebraska's Finest Meats.

The grand jury handed down a six-count indictment against the Rosbergs, both of Wausa, Neb., on charges of conspiracy with intent to defraud by selling approximately 2,600 pounds of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat and meat products to the Omaha Public School system in 2011. Additionally, the indictment alleges the Rosbergs submitted false statements to FSIS during the course of the investigation.

OPEER investigators, based out of the Lincoln, Neb., field office, working in conjunction with the USDA Office of the Inspector General, assisted in serving a search warrant at the establishment, leading to the confiscation of records, labels, equipment and other evidence in the case. The company's operations were subsequently suspended.

If convicted, the Rosbergs potentially face 3 to 5 years of federal imprisonment and fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000 on each count, along with years of supervised release.

Indictments are charging documents that contain one or more individual counts that are accusations, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Get Answers at *AskFSIS*

AskFSIS is a web-based technology and policy question-and-answer forum on topics such as exporting, labeling, inspection, programs and procedures. In addition, *AskFSIS* offers Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds that link back to the Q&As. Visit <http://askfsis.custhelp.com/> to view recently posted topics. The following topics were recently updated:

FSIS Directive 6410.1 and Veal Slaughter Operations
http://askfsis.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1806

FSIS Notice 47-12
http://askfsis.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1807