



# Constituent Update

Protecting Public Health Through Food Safety and Food Defense

## FSIS Laboratory to Perform Alternative Testing on Select *Salmonella* Serotypes

FSIS will begin using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s molecular-based method for identification of certain *Salmonella* serotypes.

A FSIS Microbiology Guidebook Method chapter, MLG 4 Appendix 1.00 will list the specific *Salmonella* serotypes. The updated chapter will be posted to the FSIS MLG, with an effective date of July 9.

To review the guidebook, visit [www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Microbiological\\_Lab\\_Guidebook/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Microbiological_Lab_Guidebook/index.asp).

## USDA Solicits Nominations for NACMPI

USDA is accepting nominations for the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). All applications need to be received by June 20 for consideration.

Nominations for membership to the Committee are being sought from individuals representing academia, public health organizations, industry, state and local governments, consumer organizations and the public. Federally registered lobbyists will not be considered for membership.

Established in 1971, NACMPI meets on food safety concerns and advises the Secretary of Agriculture on matters affecting federal and state inspection program activities. The advisory committee also contributes to USDA’s regulatory policy development. Recommendations made by NACMPI are sent to USDA’s Under Secretary for Food Safety for consideration and reviewed by the Secretary of Agriculture. For more information about NACMPI, visit [www.fsis.usda.gov/About\\_FSIS/NACMPI](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_FSIS/NACMPI).

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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:

**Albania**  
**Japan**  
**People's Republic of China**  
**Republic of Korea**  
**Saudi Arabia**  
**Sint Maarten**

Complete information can be found at [www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&\\_Policies/Export\\_Information/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Export_Information/index.asp).

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Application packages should include a cover letter, resume and USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755 ([www.fsis.usda.gov/forms/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/forms/index.asp)). The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five, typed, one-sided pages and should include educational background and expertise. Application packets should be sent to Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, Attn: National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection.

## FSIS Policy Updates

FSIS issues notices and directives to protect public health. The following policy updates were recently issued:

**Notice 38-12**, *New Documentation Procedures for Certifying Exports to China*

**Notice 40-12**, *FSIS Verification Testing for Non-O157 Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia Coli (Non-O157 STEC) Under MT60, MT52, and MT53 Sampling Programs*

**Notice 41-12**, *How to Proceed in Establishments that Have Multiple FSIS Laboratory Confirmed Residue Violations from the Same Source Supplier*

All notices and directives are available at [www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&\\_Policies/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/index.asp).

## 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.

### Updates on FSIS Testing for *E. coli*

Weekly updates for the agency's raw beef *E. coli* sampling program are posted to the FSIS website.

For comparative previous and current year results, go to [www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Ground\\_Beef\\_E.coli\\_Testing\\_Results/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Ground_Beef_E.coli_Testing_Results/index.asp).