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FSIS To Hold Teleconference On Beyond the Border Action Plan Preclearance Pilot

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FSIS will be conducting a teleconference on Tuesday, September 18, at 11:00 a.m. ET with interested stakeholders to describe the FSIS Preclearance Pilot scheduled to start later this month as part of the Beyond the Border (BtB) Action Plan. Conference call details will be provided in a separate notification to stakeholders.

The pilot project will consider alternative methods for reviewing import documents prior to the shipment’s arrival at the U.S border and alternative methods for the release of shipments that are destined for further processing at an FSIS official establishment. The pilot will begin the end of September and run for one year.

On February 4, 2011, President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Harper announced the U.S.- Canada joint declaration, Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness. Further details about the BtB and the Action Plan can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/beyond-border-shared-vision-perimeter-security-and-economic-competitiveness>. A July Fact Sheet about the Preclearance Pilot can be found at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/canada/Dec2011/default.asp>. Further updates about the pilot will be posted on this Web page as they become available.

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.



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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:

Costa Rica

Thailand

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

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FSIS Policy Updates

FSIS issues notices and directives to protect public health. All notices and directives are available at www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/index.asp. The following policy updates were recently issued:

Notice 53-12, *Instructions for Manual Scheduling and Submitting Residue Samples and Change in Sample Size for Imported Meat, Poultry and Egg Products*

Notice 54-12, *Performance Standards for Salmonella and Campylobacter in Chilled Carcasses at Young Chicken and Turkey Slaughter Establishments*

Notice 55-12, *PHIS Disconnected State And Offline Synchronization Application*

Notice 56-12, *Additional Instructions for Use of New Containers When Collecting Raw Ground Beef Samples for E. Coli O157:H7 and Salmonella Testing*

Notice 57-12, *Young Chicken Carcass Sampling Eligibility*

Notice 58-12, *Scheduling and Submitting Lab Samples in PHIS*

Faces of Food Safety On USDA's Blog

Every day, the USDA Blog shares something new about USDA's expansive mission. The blog provides a rich and diverse look at the work within the department, spanning the nation—and even the world—and highlights the breadth of USDA programs and the role they play in the lives of every American.

Two *Faces of Food Safety* were recently posted: **Olga Morales** at <http://blogs.usda.gov/2012/09/04/meet-olga-morales-a-%e2%80%9cgood-egg%e2%80%9d-inspector-now-cracking-food-safety-cases/> and **Dr. Regina Tan** at <http://blogs.usda.gov/2012/09/05/food-safety-gets-personal-meet-fsis-veterinarian-dr-regina-tan/>.

Visit the USDA Food Safety Discovery Zone

September 16 – Newark Community Day, Newark, Del.

September 19-20 – Berwyn Heights Elementary School (FSDZ/Food Safety Education Camp), Berwyn Heights, Md.

For more information, go to www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/Food_Safety_Mobile/index.asp.