
Meat on the Move

Challenges for Imports and Exports



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Trilateral Initiatives

- Technical Working Group for Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products
 - Recently met in May 2007

 - Major Issues
 - Electronic Certification
 - Revision of NOM-30
 - Breaking seals on US poultry shipments
 - Harmonized inspection procedures
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FSIS Control of Exported Product

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)**

- **Regulatory jurisdiction over meat, poultry and egg products.**

 - **Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations**
 - **Part 322—Exports—meat**
 - **381.104—381.107—Exports—poultry**
 - **Part 590—Exports—egg products**
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ELIGIBLE PRODUCT FOR EXPORT

- **There are approximately 6,000 USDA federally inspected meat or poultry slaughter/processing establishments**
 - **There are approximately 80 egg products establishments**
 - **FSIS position: All meat, poultry and egg products produced at any U.S. federally inspected establishment are eligible for export**
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ELIGIBLE PRODUCT FOR EXPORT

- **Special requirements for exporting to foreign countries are published in the FSIS Library of Export Requirements**

www.fsis.usda.gov/ofof/export/explib.htm

CURRENT CONCERNS-EXPORTS

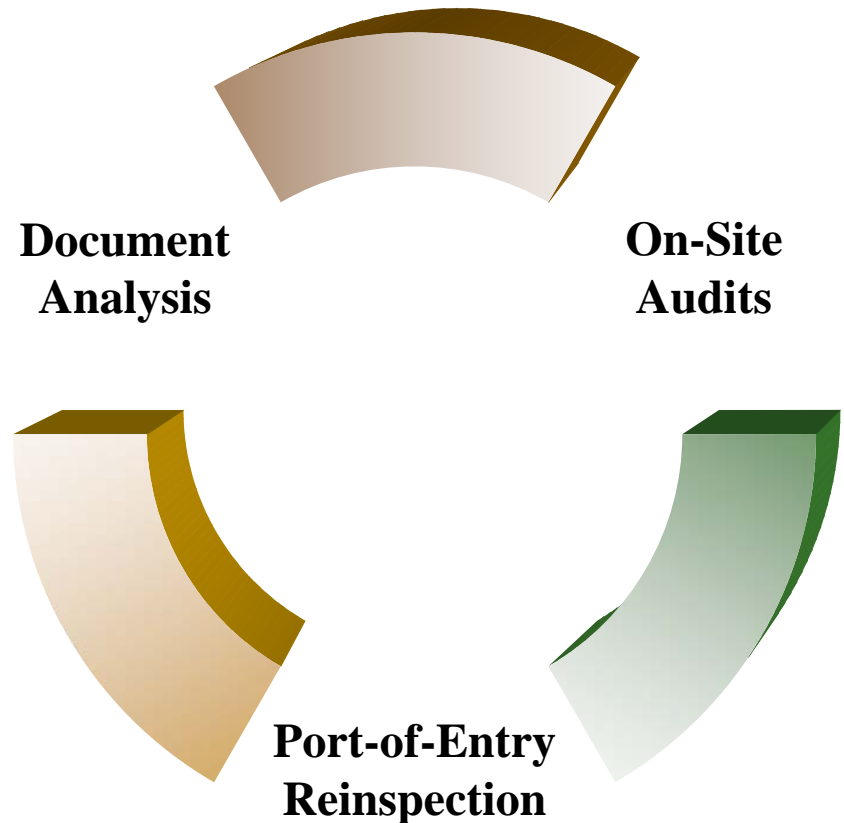
- Manual certification system (reliant on paper)
 - Careless mistakes by industry and inspection personnel that drain government resources
 - U.S. exported product returning
 - Rejected by foreign government
 - Commercial returns
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FSIS Control of Imported Product

- FSIS regulates the import of meat, poultry, and processed egg products
 - FSIS has three mechanisms of control for imports
 - Foreign countries must be determined eligible
 - Foreign establishments must be certified
 - Port-of-entry reinspection, assigned by AIIS
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Foreign Country Eligibility

- Equivalence evaluations of foreign meat, poultry, and/or processed egg products regulatory systems are a prerequisite for trade
- Initial and annual on-site audits to determine eligibility

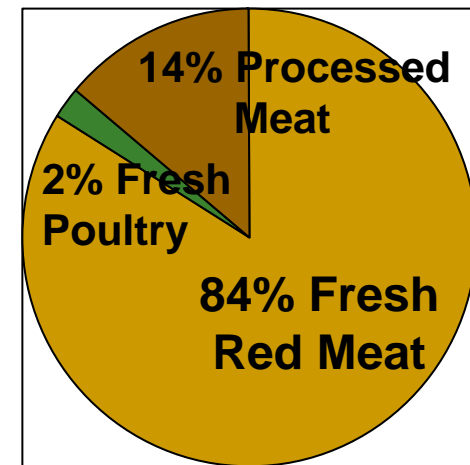
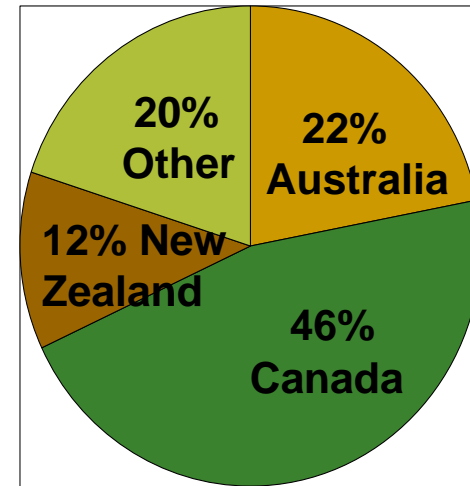


Foreign Country Eligibility

- Document Analysis -- Evaluation of the country's laws, regulations, and other written information
 - In FY 2006, 33 countries were eligible to export meat, poultry, or processed egg products to the United States
 - 29 eligible countries actively exported in FY 2006
 - Nearly 1,000 foreign establishments were certified to export to the United States in FY 2006
 - 661 establishments actually exported in FY 2006
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FSIS Regulated Imports

- In FY 2006, the United States imported 3.9 billion pounds of meat and poultry products from 29 eligible foreign countries and 5.9 million pounds of egg products from Canada

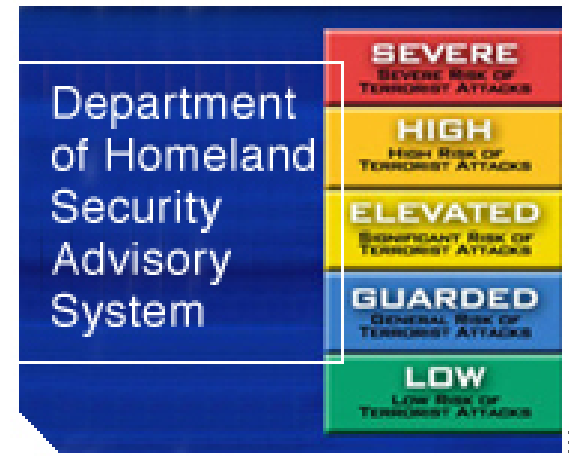


FSIS Import Enforcement - ISLOs

- FSIS' 22 Import Surveillance Liaison Officers (ISLOs) are focused on enforcement at port-of-entry
 - Between FY 2005 and FY 2006, 44 times more ineligible product was detected, detained, and removed from commerce and the food chain by FSIS, including ineligible product and eligible product failing to present for FSIS inspection
 - In calendar year 2006, 2% of reinspected product was rejected for product transportation damage, labeling or documentation problems, or other deficiencies
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FSIS Food Defense Initiatives

- Automated Targeting System (ATS)
 - Programmed with FSIS rule-sets, including vulnerability assessments, eligible foreign countries and production establishments, known violators
 - Screen shipments for food defense targeting on a pilot basis in ports of Houston and Philadelphia
 - Expanding nationwide in 2007
 - Enhanced ability to detect and prevent ineligible consignments from entering the United States



FSIS Initiatives

- International Trade Data System (ITDS)
 - Electronically link all Federal agencies with import regulatory responsibility to CBP's Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)
 - Participating Government Agency (PGA) since 2003
 - Safe Ports Act makes ITDS integration mandatory



FSIS Initiatives

- International Trade Data System (ITDS) has provided portal access to ACE
- ISLOS query system and target suspicious consignments to help identify:
 - Potential ineligible or smuggled shipments
 - Shipments that fail to present for import reinspection prior to entering commerce



Future FSIS Initiatives

Automated Export-Import Information System (AEIIS)

- Ability for FSIS export and import to transmit and receive electronic certificates between foreign inspection systems
 - Will provide platform to interface with ACE
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Electronic Certification

- Improve compliance with regulatory requirements
 - Provide better security and certificate integrity
 - Simplify international trade
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References

FSIS International Web Site

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/IPS/>

Import Manual of Procedures

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/op/IIM/TOCIIM.htm>

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