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## DETERMINATION OF RAW MEAT AND POULTRY *SALMONELLA* PERFORMANCE STANDARD SAMPLING ELIGIBILITY IN OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

This notice announces a change in the method used to identify the establishments to be tested in FSIS' *Salmonella* verification sampling program for raw meat and poultry. This change is necessary in order to reduce the burden on Office of Field Operations (OFO) personnel and improve the accuracy and completeness of *Salmonella* verification sampling.

The Agency will use data collected from:

- the Performance Based-Inspection System (PBIS) Product Volume Establishment Profile Extension
- the electronic Animal Disposition Reporting System (eADRS), and
- volume information collected during raw ground beef sampling

These data now make it possible for the Agency to determine *Salmonella* verification eligibility in Federal establishments. The Office of Policy and Program Development (OPPD) and the Data Analysis and Integration Group (DAIG) of the Office of Data Integration and Food Protection (ODIFP) are using these three information sources to determine what establishments to sample across all market and product classes according to a set of Standard Operating Procedures developed by both programs, which can be accessed at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Microbiology/index.asp#salmonella>. DAIG determines eligible establishments according to the *Salmonella* risk-based algorithm.

Field personnel and district offices are no longer responsible for reviewing eligibility reports and updating the *Salmonella* sampling program as was the case before. It is, however, critical that field personnel maintain the currency and accuracy of eADRS records and all information in the PBIS establishment profile including the profile extensions. Inspectors-in-Charge should review this information every 120 days and make any modifications to ensure the validity of the data on which the Agency now relies for identifying establishments subject to sampling.

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Refer questions regarding this notice to the Policy Development Division through askFSIS at <http://askfsis.custhelp.com> or by telephone at 1-800-233-3935.

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