



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2024-0027]

**Notice of Request to Revise an Approved Information Collection:
Imported Undenatured Inedible Product and Samples for Laboratory
Examination, Research, Evaluative Testing, or Trade Show
Exhibition**

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S.
Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, FSIS is announcing its intention to revise the approved information collection regarding the importation of undenatured inedible product, and samples of imported product for laboratory examination, research, evaluative testing, or trade show exhibition. The approval for this information collection will expire on June 30, 2025. FSIS is reducing the total burden estimate by 8,818 hours because the number of applications for importing meat, poultry or egg products samples destined for laboratory examination, research, evaluative testing, or trade show exhibition has decreased, and because the current forms are more user friendly and take less time to complete.

DATES: Submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2024-0027. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call 202-720-5046 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Imported Undenatured Inedible Product and Samples for Laboratory Examination, Research, Evaluative Testing, or Trade Show Exhibition.

OMB Number: 0583-0161.

Type of Request: Revision of an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled.

FSIS' regulations allow undenatured inedible meat and egg products to be imported into the United States for industrial use or animal food purposes if the products meet the requirements in 9 CFR 325.11(e), 555.5, or 590.45(d).

Firms importing undenatured inedible meat and egg products to the United States are to complete FSIS Form 9540-4, "Permit Holder--Importation of Undenatured Inedible Product." FSIS uses

the information on Form 9540-4 to keep track of the movement of imported undenatured inedible meat and egg products.

Additionally, imported meat, poultry, and egg product samples destined for laboratory examination, research, evaluative testing, or trade show exhibition are not subject to FSIS import reinspection requirements (9 CFR 327.19, 381.207, 557.19, and 590.960). Firms are required to complete FSIS Form 9540-5, "Notification of Intent to Import Meat, Poultry, Or Egg Products 'Samples for Laboratory Examination, Research, Evaluative Testing or Trade Show Exhibition'" to ensure that samples imported into the United States are not mixed with product that will be sold or distributed in commerce.

FSIS is requesting a revision to the approved information collection regarding the importation of undenatured inedible products and imported samples for the laboratory examination listed above. The approval for this information collection will expire on June 30, 2026. FSIS is reducing the total burden estimate by 8,818 hours because the number of applications for importing meat, poultry or egg products samples destined for laboratory examination, research, evaluative testing, or trade show exhibition has decreased and because the current forms are more user friendly and take less time to complete.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Respondents: Importers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 160.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 39.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 671 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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