

## SUBCHAPTER A—AGENCY ORGANIZATION AND TERMINOLOGY; MANDATORY MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION AND VOLUNTARY INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

### PART 300—AGENCY MISSION AND ORGANIZATION

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#### § 300.1 Purpose.

This part describes the duties and organization of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). It also includes rules on the access of government employees to regulated places of business.

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#### § 300.2 FSIS responsibilities.

(a) *Delegations of authority.* The Secretary of Agriculture and Under Secretary for Food Safety have delegated to the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service the responsibility for exercising the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture under various statutes (see 7 CFR 2.7, 2.18, and 2.53).

(b) *Implementing regulations.* This chapter of title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR chapter III) includes, in addition to administrative rules, rules and regulations that implement provisions of the following statutes:

(1) The Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), except provisions pertaining to the inspection and certification of the condition of animals for export, and related legislation;

(2) The Poultry Products Inspection Act, as amended (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*);

(3) The Egg Products Inspection Act, as amended (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*), except for the shell egg surveillance program, voluntary laboratory analyses of egg products, and the voluntary grading program;

(4) The Humane Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901–1906);

(5) The Talmadge-Aiken Act (7 U.S.C. 450), with respect to cooperation with States in the administration of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act;

(6) The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), relating to voluntary inspection of poultry and edible products thereof; voluntary inspection and certification of technical animal fat; certified products for dogs, cats, and other carnivora; voluntary inspection of rabbits and edible products thereof; and voluntary inspection and certification of edible meat and other products; and

(7) The National Laboratory Accreditation Program (7 U.S.C. 138–138i) with respect to laboratories accredited only for pesticide residue analysis in meat and poultry products.

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#### § 300.3 FSIS organization.

(a) *General.* The organization of FSIS reflects the agency's primary regulatory responsibilities: implementation of the FMIA, the PPIA, and the EPIA. FSIS implements the inspection provisions of the FMIA, the PPIA, and the EPIA through its field structure.

(b) *Headquarters.* FSIS has eight principal components or offices, each of which is under the direction of a Deputy Administrator. The Deputy Administrators, along with their staffs, and the Administrator, along with the Office of the Administrator and three