

### § 332.12

State where the establishment is located, will develop and implement a plan to transition the establishment to become an official establishment. Except that an establishment that was deselected from a cooperative interstate shipment program because it is located in a State whose agreement for such a program was terminated may either transition to become an official establishment or transition to become a State-inspected establishment under the cooperative State meat inspection program.

(b) An establishment that has been deselected from a cooperative interstate shipment program and successfully transitioned to become an official establishment may withdraw from the Federal inspection program and resume operations under the cooperative State meat inspection program after operating as an official establishment in full compliance with the Act for a year.

### § 332.12 Transition grants.

(a) Transition grants are funds that a State participating in a cooperative interstate shipment program under this part may apply for to reimburse selected establishments in the State for the cost to train one individual in the seven HACCP principles for meat or poultry processing as required under § 417.7 of this chapter and associated training in the development of sanitation standard operating procedures required under part 416 of this chapter.

(b) A State participating in a cooperative interstate shipment program that receives a transition grant must use grant funds to reimburse the training costs of one employee per each selected establishment in the State. Any other use of such funds is prohibited.

### § 332.13 Separation of operations.

A selected establishment may conduct operations under the cooperative State meat inspection program if the establishment implements and maintains written procedures for complete physical separation of product and process for each operation by time or space.

### § 332.14 Voluntary withdrawal.

A selected establishment that is in full compliance with the requirements

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in this part may voluntarily end its participation in a cooperative interstate shipment program and operate under the cooperative State meat inspection program. Establishments that voluntarily end their participation in the cooperative may re-apply for the program after operating under the cooperative State meat inspection program for one year.

## PART 335—RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT

AUTHORITY: 21 U.S.C. 601–695; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.55.

### Subpart A—Criminal Violations

AUTHORITY: Sec. 406, Pub. L. 99–641, 100 Stat. 3571; 21 U.S.C. 606 note.

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### § 335.40 Opportunity for presentation of views before report of criminal violations.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) of this section, before any violation of the Federal Meat Inspection Act is reported to the Department of Justice by the Secretary for criminal prosecution the Secretary must give reasonable notice to the suspected violator that the Secretary intends to report the violation for prosecution and give the suspected violator an opportunity to present the violator's views to the Secretary with respect to such proceeding.

(1) Notice and opportunity need not be provided if the Secretary has any reason to believe that providing such notice and opportunity could result in the alteration or destruction of evidence, or where disclosure could result in injury to persons or property.

(2) Notice and opportunity need not be provided if the Secretary has any reason to believe that providing such notice and opportunity could result in flight of a suspected violator to avoid prosecution.

(3) Notice and opportunity need not be provided if the Secretary has any

reason to believe that providing such notice and opportunity could result in compromising special investigative techniques, such as undercover or other covert operations.

(4) Notice and opportunity need not be provided when the impending criminal referral involves suspicion of bribery and related offenses, or clandestine slaughtering and/or processing operations.

(5) Notice and opportunity need not be provided when the impending referral is part of an investigation involving non-Act violations, and the Act and non-Act violations are jointly referred for prosecution.

(b) A notice of opportunity to present views will be sent by registered or certified mail, summarize the violations that constitute the basis of the contemplated prosecution, and describe the procedures for presentation of views. Any information given by a respondent, orally or in writing, shall become part of the Department's official record concerning the matter. The Department is under no obligation to disclose evidence to the suspected violator.

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## PART 350—SPECIAL SERVICES RELATING TO MEAT AND OTHER PRODUCTS

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AUTHORITY: 7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.55.

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### § 350.1 Meaning of words.

Words used in this part in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand.

### § 350.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of the regulations in this part, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

(a) *Department*. The United States Department of Agriculture.

(b) *Service*. The Food Safety and Inspection Service of the Department.

(c) *Administrator*. The Administrator of the Service or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

(d) [Reserved]

(e) *Inspector*. Any officer or employee of the Department authorized to perform any duties under the regulations in this part.

(f) *Person*. Any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, or joint stock company, or other organized group of any of the foregoing.

(g) *Federally inspected and passed*. Inspected and passed under the Meat Inspection Act, as amended (21 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*) or under the provisions in paragraphs 306 (b) and (c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1306 (b) and (c)).

(h) *Official establishment*. An establishment operated under Federal meat inspection pursuant to the Meat Inspection Act, as amended (21 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

(i) *Food article*. Any article of human food derived wholly or in part from meat, meat byproducts, or meat food products, which is not subject to the Federal meat inspection laws, and animal casings, for which the mark of Federal meat inspection is requested: *Provided*, That such articles and casings are derived from federally inspected and passed carcasses.

(j) [Reserved]

(k) *Secretary*. The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been