



**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND CONSUMER SERVICES
MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Steve Troxler, Commissioner

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ECONOMIC SAMPLING IN STATE-INSPECTED PLANTS

I. PURPOSE

This document is issued to provide instructions for economic sampling in **state-inspected** meat and poultry establishments.

This notice does not apply to Talmadge-Aiken establishments or to custom-exempt establishments.

II. REFERENCES

9 CFR Section 319; USDA, FSIS Standards & Labeling Policy Book

III. CANCELLATION

MPIS Notice 4-04 dated 10-13-04

IV. PROCEDURE

Samples will be collected for economic testing only when there is cause to believe product may be adulterated, misbranded, or that it does not meet a standard of identity.

In the event in-plant inspection personnel have concern that a product should be tested, they will contact their Area Supervisor. The Area Supervisor will consult with the Assistant State Director to make a final determination on testing and/or holding and testing of product.

Economic samples will be shipped in red-lettered shipping boxes via Federal Express to the Constable Lab as soon as possible after collection. Both the sample and the freezer pack must be thoroughly frozen before shipping. Sample collection forms (MPIS Form 6b) should be completed in triplicate.

The purpose of this testing is to verify that the "04 Other Consumer Protection" requirements have been met. When collecting a sample, the inspector should perform an unscheduled 05B01 procedure and mark their PBIS schedule accordingly.

In the event that sample results are found to be in violation, the Assistant State Director will notify the appropriate Area Supervisor. The Inspector-in-Charge at the establishment where the sample was

collected will document the result on a Noncompliance Record. An unannounced follow-up sample will be randomly collected within 45 days of the original collection date.

Disposition for completed MPIS Form 6b "Sample for Economic Analysis" are as follows: one copy remains at the Constable Food Lab; one copy is filed in the Economic Sampling File in the Raleigh Office; and one copy is mailed to the Area Supervisor, who ensures that it is placed in the Inspector's Lab Sampling File at the plant.

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