Inspection Requirements

Compliance Guidelines for Use of Video or Other Electronic Monitoring or Recording Equipment in Federally Inspected Establishments (Aug 26, 2011; PDF Only)
This guideline was written to provide information to industry on the use of video or other electronic monitoring or recording equipment to help it maintain compliance with federal regulations, including humane treatment of livestock and the use of good commercial practices in poultry.

Import Permit Guide for Products with Small Amounts of Meat and Poultry (Apr 2009; PDF Only) En Español PDF | Chinese PDF | Korean PDF | Vietnamese PDF
This guide will help importers comply with the requirements for bringing these products into the United States.

- Import Permit Policies | PDF
  Guidance for products containing small amounts of meat, poultry or processed egg ingredients.
- For additional information access the Import Information page.

"At Least Equal to" Guidelines for State Meat and Poultry Cooperative Inspection Programs (Jul 2008; PDF Only)
These guidelines are designed to provide information to State Cooperative Inspection Programs on the criteria that FSIS uses to make its annual determination of whether State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) Programs are "at least equal" to the Federal inspection program.

Compliance Guideline for Small and Very Small Plants Appealing Inspection Decisions (Aug 31, 2006; PDF Only)
FSIS provided guideline to help small and very small plants understand the appeals process and learn how to make an appeal.

- Ike Scenarios

Slaughter Inspection
Guidance for Determining Whether a Poultry Slaughter or Processing Operation is Exempt from Inspection Requirements of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (Updated Apr 12, 2006; PDF Only)
This guide provides assistance to producers or businesses in determining whether their slaughter or processing operations require United States Department of Agriculture or State inspection, as mandated in the Poultry Products Inspection Act.

Mobile Slaughter Unit Compliance Guide (May 24, 2010; PDF Only)
This guideline is intended for owners and managers of a new or existing red meat or poultry MSU who want their establishment to come under Federal inspection and continue operations in accordance with Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations.

- **Mobile Slaughter Seminars**
  These two seminars discuss the use of livestock and poultry mobile slaughter units and potentially cost-effective options for small and remote producers needing access to an inspected facility so that they can sell their product commercially.
  - **Red Meat Mobile Slaughter** (WMV)
    - Poultry Exemptions Under the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act | PDF
    - Kentucky Mobile Processing Unit (MPU) | PDF
    - USDA Rural Development | PDF
  - **Poultry Mobile Slaughter** (WMV)
    - Applying For A Federal Grant of Inspection for Meat and Poultry Establishments | PDF
    - USDA Inspected Mobile Livestock Processing | PDF
    - Considerations Unique to Mobile Red Meat Slaughter | PDF
    - USDA Rural Development | PDF