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NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL HACCP SYSTEMS VALIDATION GUIDELINE

This notice informs VAAFM field personnel that FSIS has announced the availability of the final version of the *FSIS Compliance Guideline: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) Systems Validation* in the [Federal Register](#), and that the guideline is available at: [FSIS Compliance Guideline: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points \(HACCP\) Systems Validation](#). The *Federal Register* announces that verification of whether large establishments meet all validation requirements, including maintaining in-plant validation data, will not begin until January 4, 2016, and verification of whether small and very small meet all validation requirements will not begin until April 4, 2016.

Therefore, at this time, field personnel are not to conduct any new verification or enforcement activities concerning validation. IPP are to continue to follow the instruction in [FSIS Directive 5000.6, Performance of the Hazard Analysis Verification \(HAV\) Task](#), and Enforcement, Investigations, and Analysis Officers (EIAOs) are to continue to conduct Food Safety Assessment (FSAs) in the same manner they do now. At this time, IPP are not to cite the lack of in-plant validation data as the only reason for the documentation of noncompliance, and EIAOs are not to recommend IPP cite the lack of in-plant validation data as the only reason for the documentation of noncompliance. FSIS will provide further instructions and the appropriate training regarding verification and enforcement activities related to validation data in subsequent issuances.

Refer questions regarding this notice to the Vermont Meat Inspection Section at 802-828-2426.

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