
FSIS Overview of Automated
Commercial Environment/
International Trade Data System
(ACE/ITDS) Activities



FSIS Authority

- Ensures nation's supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged
 - Includes verification that food products containing small amounts of meat, poultry, and egg products originate from an eligible source
 - FSIS Import Surveillance Liaison Officers (ISLOs) review Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Portal data to detect illegal or ineligible products or evidence of product tampering/intentional contamination that would threaten the imported food supply
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Public Health Information System (PHIS)

- PHIS will allow FSIS to take a more proactive approach to public health protection through data collection, consolidation, and analysis
 - Enable interface with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) ACE/ITDS
 - Business-to-government exchange of shipment data
 - Enable interface with foreign governments
 - Government-to-government exchange of certification documents
 - Provides advance notice of incoming shipments
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FSIS Initiatives

Automated Broker Interface (ABI) - FSIS coding has been developed for the PGA Message Set that will enable brokers to make a direct entry into PHIS through ACE. The paper FSIS application will be eliminated when this process is implemented.

Digital Imaging System (DIS) - A digital image of required FSIS Import documentation, as well as the entry data can be posted in ACE to expedite clearance by FSIS.

M1 Holds - FSIS attended the training held in early 2011. FSIS has added disposition codes to CBP Appendix D. FSIS plans to join CBP in moving forward with testing and instituting the system on targeted shipments.

What FSIS Needs....

- Finalize Data Exchange and Operational MOU with CBP
 - Update and finalize Import Regulation
 - Project schedule for interface and system testing between ACE and PHIS
 - Short-term Goals (Connectivity and ABI data exchange)
 - Long-term Goals (Communication and functionality)
 - Co-location of FSIS ISLOs at strategic ports of entry with CBP
 - Work with CBP on the export data harmonization initiative
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