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United States Department of Agriculture  
 Food Safety and Inspection Service

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT**  
 TO IMPORT MEAT, POULTRY, OR EGG PRODUCTS  
 "SAMPLES FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION, RESEARCH,  
 EVALUATIVE TESTING OR TRADE SHOW EXHIBITION"

1. U.S. PORT OF ENTRY <i>(port of entry)</i>	2. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN <i>(if applicable)</i>	3. FOREIGN EST. NO. <i>(if applicable)</i>	4. DATE OF NOTIFICATION
5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF IMPORTER		6. NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NO. OF CUSTOMS BROKER OR APPLICANT	
7. NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. OF CONSIGNEE		8. ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER TO WHERE THE SAMPLES WILL BE SHIPPED <i>(if different from consignee, number 7)</i>	
9. NAME OF PRODUCT AND SPECIES DERIVED FROM			
10. NET WEIGHT <i>(lbs.)</i>	11. NUMBER OF CARTONS OR UNITS	12. TYPE/METHOD OF PACKAGING	
13. INTENDED USE OF SAMPLES			
<input type="checkbox"/> LABORATORY EXAMINATION	<input type="checkbox"/> RESEARCH	<input type="checkbox"/> EVALUATIVE TESTING	<input type="checkbox"/> TRADE SHOW EXHIBITION
14. FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF HOW SAMPLES WILL BE USED			
15. DISPOSAL SITE <i>(name and address where product will be disposed)</i>			
16. METHOD OF DISPOSAL <i>(Describe the process of destruction/denaturing. For guidance refer to 9 CFR 325.13)</i>			
17. SIGNATURE OF BROKER OR APPLICANT <i>(must be signed)</i>		18 PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	
19. SIGNATURE OF FSIS OFFICIAL WHEN VERIFIED			20. DATE VERIFIED

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FSIS FORM 9540-5

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**Note:** The information on the form can be typed or written.

**Submit Form:** The form may be printed and scanned or saved as a .pdf and emailed to: [ImportInspection@usda.gov](mailto:ImportInspection@usda.gov)

1. **U.S. Port of Entry** - the port where the shipment will enter the United States (City and State)
2. **Country of Origin** - the country reflected on the sample shipping cartons and individual packages inside the shipping containers as labeled
3. **Foreign Est. Number** - the number of the producing establishment in the foreign country, if applicable
4. **Date of Notification** - date this form was submitted to FSIS
5. **Name and address of Importer** - the name and full address (including state and zip code) of the person/company who is importing this product
6. **Name, address, phone number of Customs Broker or Applicant** - the name of a person, full address (including state and zip code) and phone number who is completing this form
7. **Name, address, phone number of Consignee** - the name of a person, full address (including state and zip code) and phone number who is receiving this product
8. **Address, phone number where the samples will be shipped** - full address (including state and zip code) and phone number of the location where the product will be shipped (if different from the consignee in block 7)
9. **Name of product and species derived from** - detailed product name and the species (e.g., beef, goat, lamb, pork, chicken, duck, goose, turkey) (You may add an addendum if more than one item is or species). If the product is derived from animal cell culture technology, this must be indicated in the product description (e.g., Raw ground non-intact cell-cultured beef)
10. **Net weight** - weight of shipment, in avoirdupois (pounds) and include amount per weight of species
11. **Number of cartons or units** - total number of cartons
12. **Type/method of packaging** - e.g., carton, pouch, cryovac, pails, etc.
13. **Intended use of samples** - check one or more of the choices; Laboratory Examination, Research, Evaluative Testing, Trade Show Exhibition

**Definitions:**

**Laboratory Examination** - an examination conducted under scientific conditions in a laboratory or similar setting with testing done at laboratory for various information such as protein content, nutrients, etc.

**Research** - a studious inquiry or examination especially investigation or experimentation aimed at the discovery and interpretation of facts, or revision of accepted facts. Examples include proficiency food safety testing, testing done for new products or variations of existing products, flavor profile, a new formulation or flavor, and re-producing a particular flavor, etc.

**Evaluative Testing** - in house testing to determine the significance, worth or condition by careful appraisal and study evaluation. To be accomplished through non-laboratory methods such as visual assessment of product and packaging, specifications evaluation, reheating method, machine calibration and performance, comparison to domestic product, and sensory evaluation, etc.

**Trade Show Exhibition** - exhibition at an exposition to promote awareness and sales of products within an industry for display and viewing of product at trade show exhibition location. These products are not to be consumed or given away at trade fairs since the imported products haven't had the opportunity to be inspected by FSIS-USDA

14. **Further description of how samples will be used** - provide detail of how the samples will be used
15. **Disposal site** - company name and address (including state and zip code) where the product will be destroyed
16. **Method of disposal** - detailed method of destruction/disposal
17. **Signature of Broker or Applicant (must be signed)** - the signature of the broker or applicant (must be signed)
18. **Printed name and Title** - the name and the title of the broker or applicant

**BLOCKS 19 AND 20 FOR FSIS PERSONNEL USE ONLY**

19. **Signature of FSIS Official when verified** - signature of the FSIS personnel who verified this shipment
20. **Date verified** - the date the shipment was verified