



POULTRY CONDITION EXAMINATION

Purpose

This instruction defines when poultry condition examinations are to be completed.

Procedures

I. Condition Examinations

Condition examinations of poultry at origin and/or destination are requested to determine various attributes.

A. Attributes

1. The type and condition of the shipping containers.
2. Whether the poultry is in a fresh or frozen state and product temperature. List the actual product temperatures in the Remarks section on the grading certificate (LP-210P).
3. The extent of visible damage of the poultry when it has been subjected to improper handling.
4. The condition of fresh poultry both inside and outside.
5. The class and quantity of the product.
6. The condition of frozen poultry (normally accomplished by drilling and performing organoleptic evaluation).
7. The extent of chemical contamination all determinations will be according to FSIS directive. Products that have been exposed to industrial type gases such as chlorine or ammonia shall be handled as follows:
 - a. Prior to sampling, product shall be moved to an environment that is free from any gaseous odor. This may also include removal of corrugated packaging materials when excessive odor is present in these materials.
 - b. Product showing any evidence of odor will be retained. Retained product may be reworked by repackaging or re-bagging and must be re-examined for acceptability.
 - c. At resident plant locations, the inspector-in-charge shall be notified when encountering product that may be unwholesome due to gaseous contamination
8. Contact the supervisor in the event of off condition product.



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