



Retail Operations Separated From FSIS

Question:

If I conduct retail exempt operations in a federally inspected establishment, am I required to keep these operations separate from federal inspected operations?

Answer:

Yes. 9 CFR 305.2 requires the official establishment to be separate from the unofficial establishment so that FSIS is able to distinguish between the two operations and the product from those operations. Operational and product separation has typically been determined by time or space. In other words, the retail exempt operations would have to be conducted in an area that is completely separate from the area in which inspected activities are being performed and there is no possibility of cross-contamination between the two areas. Alternatively, they could be conducted in the same facilities, but they would have to be conducted at a time when no inspected activities are occurring. The criteria for exemption from inspection for retail operations are addressed in 9 CFR 303.1(d).

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