

To: Feed and food law enforcement authorities in England.
Port Health Authorities in England.

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Dear Colleague,

This is to clarify the situation with numbers of approved US establishments for POAO.

The USDA's Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) have provided an explanation to clarify the issue of establishments' numbers.

I am providing a link to the FSIS Meat, Poultry and Egg Product Inspection Directory:

[https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a5c2b5c8-92e0-4565-8999-](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a5c2b5c8-92e0-4565-8999-f2fb75bfdb05/MPI_Directory_Establishment_Number.pdf?MOD=AJPERES)

[f2fb75bfdb05/MPI_Directory_Establishment_Number.pdf?MOD=AJPERES](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a5c2b5c8-92e0-4565-8999-f2fb75bfdb05/MPI_Directory_Establishment_Number.pdf?MOD=AJPERES), which contains the up-to-date listing of all establishments producing meat, poultry and egg products, as well as official import establishments and cold storage facilities operating under voluntary inspection. Each establishment operates under a grant of inspection and the establishment number assigned is unique to the establishment at the physical location identified. The letter designates the type of inspection that is approved at the establishment.

Currently, when FSIS registers the establishment with the European Union for the designated activities requested by the establishment management, including the appropriate letter (M=meat; P=poultry; G=egg products or V=voluntary services/cold storage).

However, in the case of *meat establishments*, the use of the M is optional. Historically, many U.S. companies do not include the M in the inspection legend applied to their (meat) product labels, or in designating the establishment number on official certificates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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