

# Export meat update seminar

Shiga toxin-producing  
*Escherichia coli* (STEC)  
requirements for exporting to  
the USA

and

Hazard Analysis Critical  
Control Point (HACCP)  
overview

February 2025



# Agenda



Technical market  
access and markets

10:30	Welcome Dr Ann McDonald
10:40	STEC
12:40	Lunch
13:10	HACCP
14:10	Action Plans and evaluation
14:30	Frozen supply chain project
15:00	Close

# Your action plan



## Export meat update seminar ACTION PLAN

<b>What aspect of our operation needs to change?</b>	<b>What needs to change?</b>	<b>What action will I take to get the change process started?</b>
<i>e.g. Hazard analysis</i>	<i>We need to consider all the hazards, biological, physical and chemical - not just the obvious ones - and provide data, reports etc. to back up our decisions</i>	<i>Call a meeting of the HACCP team</i>



Technical market  
access and markets

# Welcome

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# STEC

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# USA: Market Access Requirements

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# What the US wants

Background, US directives and regulations

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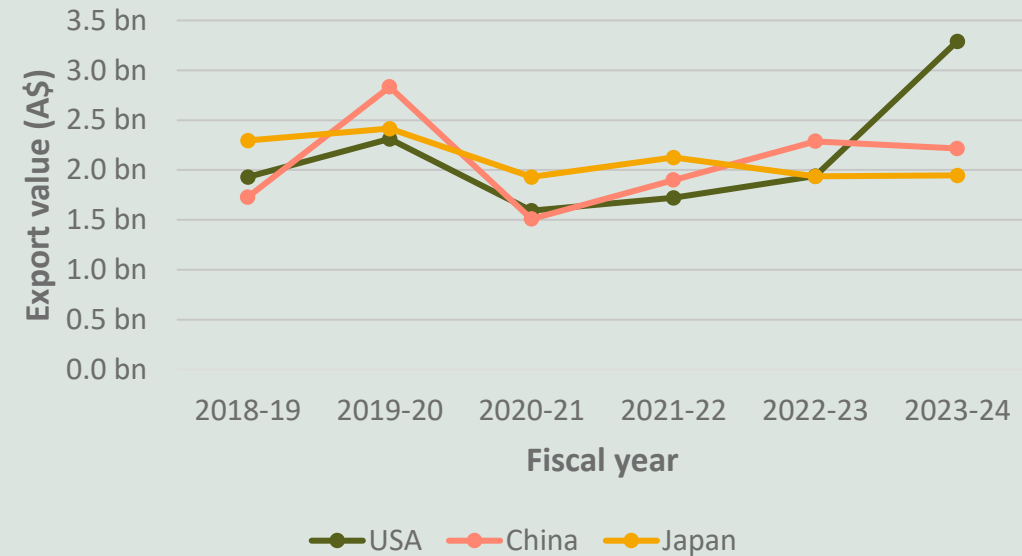
# Why is US an important market?

## Strong US demand for Australian beef expected for 2024-2025

- Declining US production
- Falling world supply
- Preferential market access for Australian beef
- Relatively weak Australian dollar

**\$ 2.2b** Value of Australian beef export to USA for FY 2024-25 YTD (Jul-Nov)

## Value of Australian beef export to USA, China, and Japan (2018-2024)





# Why are we here?

**Next US audit is confirmed for September 2025 – getting prepared**

**Government microbiological testing programs and HACCP were highlighted in Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) 2018 and 2022 audit reports.**



## Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC)

- Incorrect sampling technique observed by the auditors
- Questions around Australian lotting system



## HACCP

- Deficiencies in HACCP hazard analysis, verification, and monitoring

# What is equivalence?

## Equivalence allows market access to the US

### What is it?

Equivalence is how FSIS ensures that the Australian food safety inspection system provides an equivalent level of public health protection to that of the US.

### How do we get it?

Equivalence is achieved through reviews of Australian food safety legislations and processes, on-site audits, and ongoing demonstration of compliance to approved processes.

### Why do we need it?

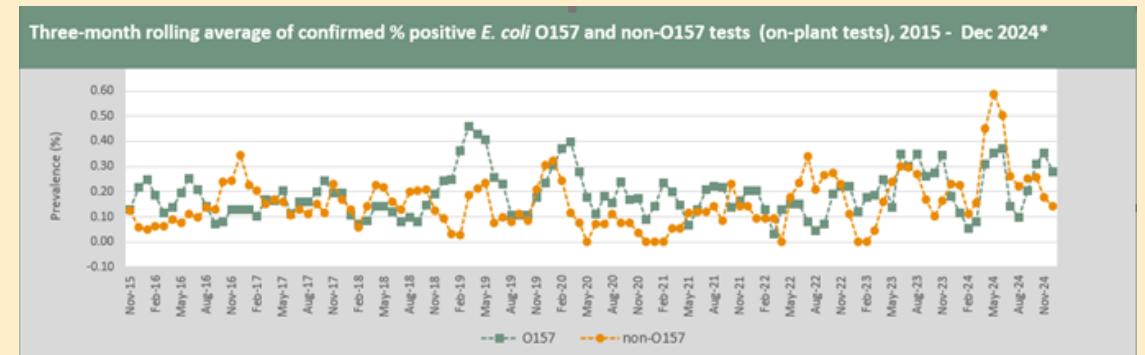
Equivalence allows market access and Australia can export meat/products to the US using our own processes.

## Obtaining and maintaining equivalence depends on our performance

Equivalence for Australian national raw beef O157 program was initially achieved in 2007.

Work to obtain equivalence included demonstrating Australia's low prevalence of *E. coli*.

### Three-month rolling average of confirmed % positive *E. coli* O157 and non-O157 tests (on-plant), 2015 – Dec 2024



\*From March 2023, only US and Canada data was used in the three-month rolling graph

# Relevant FSIS directives



FSIS uses directives to instruct their staff on how to perform their duties. They are useful for practical interpretation of legislation. Directives contain references to US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

## STEC

### 10010.1

*Sampling Verification Activities for Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia Coli (STEC) in Raw Beef Products - Revision 6*

### 10010.2

*Verification Activities for Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia Coli (STEC) in Raw Beef Products - Revision 1*

## HACCP

### 5000.1

*Verifying an Establishment's Food Safety System - Revision 8*

### 5000.6

*Performance of the Hazard Analysis Verification Task - Revision 2*

### 6420.2

*Verification of Procedures for Controlling Fecal Material, Ingesta, and Milk in Livestock Slaughter Operations - Revision 2*

## POE rejections

### 9900.8

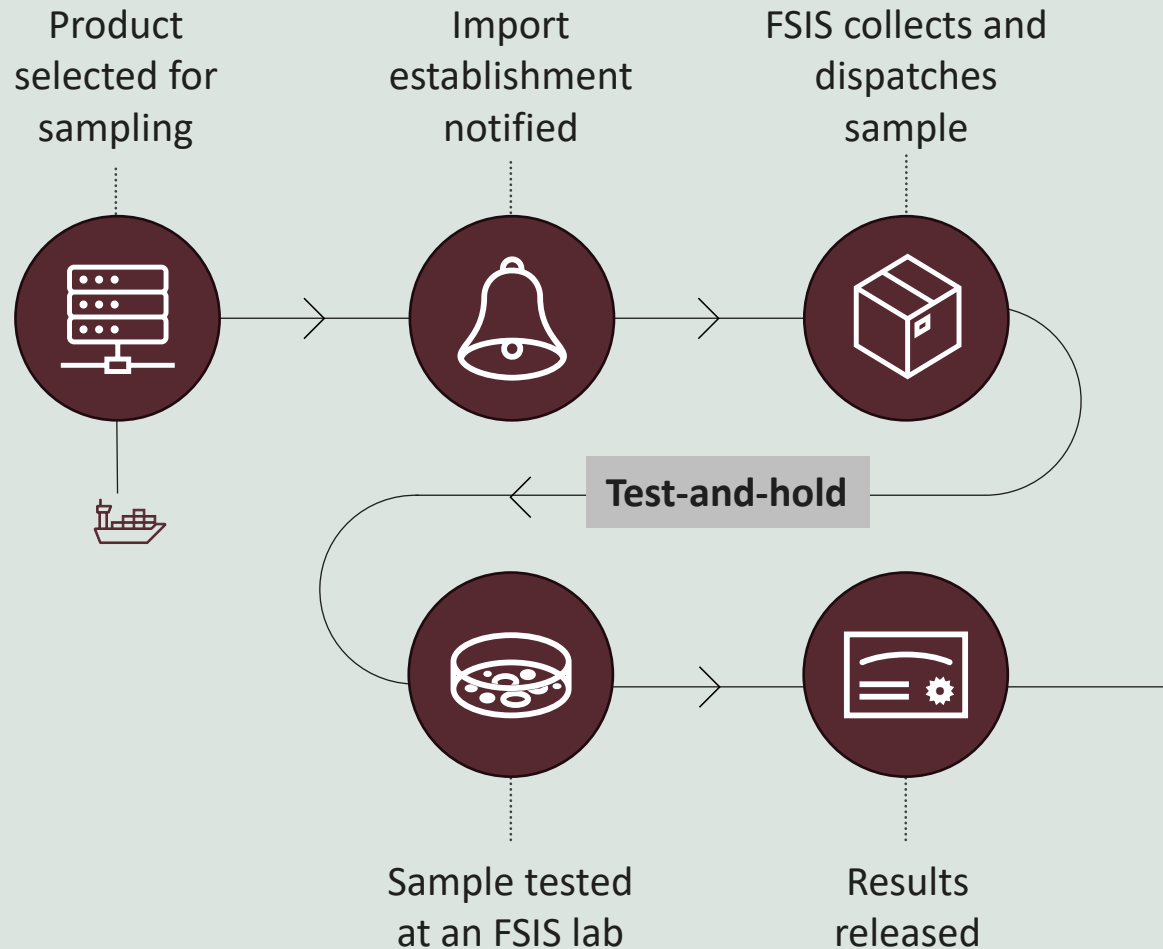
*Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Refused Entry Into the United States (U.S.) - Revision 2*

### 8080.1

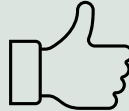
*Managing Adulterated or Misbranded Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products - Revision 8*

# US Import STEC testing


FSIS Directive 10010.1 Rev. 6




## STEC results

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**Acceptable**

Products released and entered into commerce
- 

**Presumptive positive**

Products held pending confirmation
- 

**Positive**

Products refused entry to US  
Intensified testing

# HACCP findings from past US audits

## Hazards were not identified in the HACCP design

Establishments must consider any food safety hazards which might occur in the production process.

The hazards may vary between products, depending on e.g. incoming materials or production steps.

9 CFR 417.2(a), FSIS Directive 5000.1, Chapter III, Part I, II. A.

## Monitoring documentation was inadequate

The HACCP plan must include a written monitoring procedure, to be implemented by establishment employees at specified frequency.

Monitoring records must be made at the time of the procedure, and must include the time, date, and signature/initials of the employee making the entry.

9 CFR 417.2(c)(4), 417.2(b), FSIS Directive 5000.1, Chapter III, Part I, III. B. 3 & 5

## HACCP verification and validation were deficient

Establishments must list all verification procedures and the frequency at which they'll be performed.

Verification procedures include calibration of monitoring instruments, direct observation of monitoring activities, and HACCP records review.

9 CFR 417.2(c)(7), 417.4(a)(2), FSIS Directive 5000.1, Chapter III, Part I, III. B. 4

## HACCP plan contents were erroneous or missing

The HACCP plan flowchart must accurately reflect the process and product flow in the establishment. It must include the intended use/customers of each product.

The hazard analysis must reflect all the steps of the flowchart.

9 CFR 417.2(a)(2), FSIS Directive 5000.6 V. STEP 1 & Step 2, C.

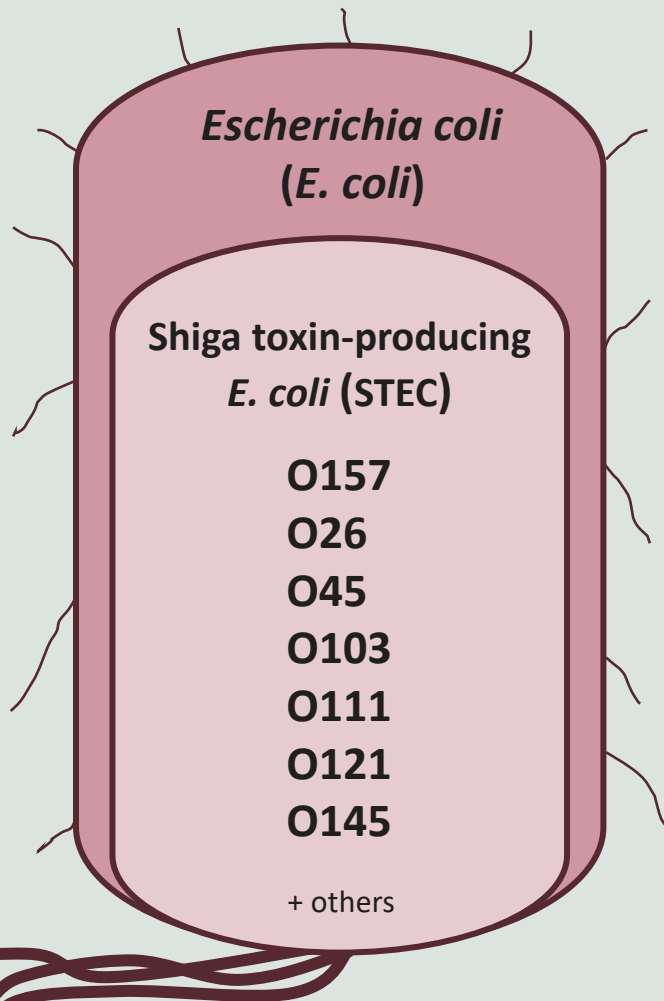
# Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC)

Lotting, sampling, testing

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# What is STEC?



*E. coli* are a group of bacteria commonly found in the intestines of humans and animals

*E. coli* enters meat production through cross-contamination with intestinal contents, hide, etc.

'**STEC**' refers to a particular subgroup of *E. coli* strains which produce toxin that lead to serious illness

The US Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) have identified **7 'adulterant STEC serogroups'** and routinely conduct surveillance

## Adulterated products

**21 USC 601(m)(1)** defines meat and meat products contaminated with the 7 STEC serogroups to be adulterated.

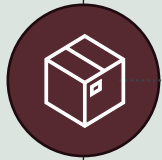
Exporting countries are expected to take steps to be reasonably confident that their products are not adulterated.

## STEC testing in Australia



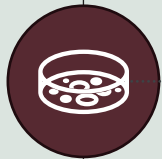
### Lot determination and identification

Establishments need to justify their lotting decisions



### Sample collection and submission

Samples are collected and dispatched to department-approved labs



### Sample analysis

Samples are analysed using department-approved methods



### Analysis result

When confirmed negative for STEC, the products are released

### Monthly department verification

Collected sample controlled by the department and analysed at an independent lab

Detailed information on STEC testing is available in the department's *Microbiological Manual for Sampling and Testing of Export Meat and Meat Products* (the manual).



STEC testing is a **market requirement** for raw beef ground components (RBGC) and raw beef ground products (RBGP) to US (and Canada) for all export registered establishments.

A lot is **ineligible for export** to US (or Canada) if any of its products test positive for STEC. The lot may undergo heat treatment to regain eligibility.



## Lot determination and identification overview



### US requirements

Establishments are responsible for defining the lots and supporting their basis for the definitions.

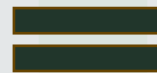
Establishments should consider:

#### How productions are distinguished

- Micro sampling programs
- Production periods

#### How STEC contamination is controlled

- Standard Operating Procedures/other programs
- Processing interventions



### Australian equivalent

Establishments are responsible for defining the lots within the parameters in detailed the manual.

#### Origin & identification

- From a single packing establishment
- ★ 'Microbiologically independent'
- Not redefined after sampling and testing
- Identified with a single port mark
- Sampled using a robust N60 plan

#### Size

- ≤ 700 cartons (or equivalent)
- Must fit into one container



# Microbiological independence

Establishments are responsible for **defining** and **validating** microbiological independence between lots, and their method must be included in the establishment's Approved Arrangement.

Establishments must be able to **justify** their definition of microbiological independence through consideration of the following examples (not exhaustive):

1. **Lot testing for STEC**
2. **Sanitation SOPs/other programs used to control STEC cross-contamination**
3. **Processing interventions that have been validated to limit/control STEC contamination**
4. **Reworked/carried-over products; commonality of source materials**

FSIS does not recognise 'clean-up to clean-up' alone as a supportable basis for distinguishing raw beef productions, as STEC are generally not environmental contaminants.



# Microbiological independence

## 1. Lot testing for STEC

- Any scientific, statistically-based sampling programs for STEC that the establishment uses to distinguish between segments of production
- In the event of a positive result, FSIS considers all same source materials to be positive unless the establishment has a scientific basis to distinguish production lots using same source materials, i.e.
  - robust sampling of source materials or finished product, or
  - e.g. the application of a validated antimicrobial intervention to source materials or finished product



# Microbiological independence

## 2. Sanitation SOPs/other programs used to control STEC cross-contamination

For example, controls to prevent:

- Improper sanitary dressing
- Cross-contamination from insanitary contact surfaces on equipment
- Improper employee hygiene



# Microbiological independence

### 3. Processing interventions that have been validated to limit/control STEC contamination

Common examples:

- Steam vacuuming
- Hot water washing
- Steam pasteurisation
- Organic acid washes



# Microbiological independence

## 4. Reworked/carried-over products; commonality of source materials

Consideration of:

- Use of meat products or rework carried over from one production period to another
- Use of same source materials during different production periods

# Production dates

Currently there is no limit imposed by Australia or US on the number of production dates within a sampled lot (however, commercial customers may impose their own limits).

FSIS has raised questions around justification for allowing multiple dates (sometimes >10 individual dates) within a single lot.

Having a large number of production dates in a lot exposes you to risk, especially in cases when a date may not be selected for N60 sampling.

Establishments must have a supportable basis that a lot comprising multiple pack dates are microbiologically independent.



*We need **YOU**  
to help maintain the  
equivalence!*

## Sample collection and submission



### Sampling (RGBC)

#### Choosing samples

- Samples are collected from lots determined by establishments
- Samples can be taken during production or when consolidating lots for export
- Full range of RGBC for US/Canada should have equal opportunity to be sampled

#### Collecting samples

- 'N60' method: 5 (5-10 g) pieces x 12 cartons
- Pieces should represent **surface** of the carcass
- Maximum depth of 3 mm for frozen trimming cartons



### Submission

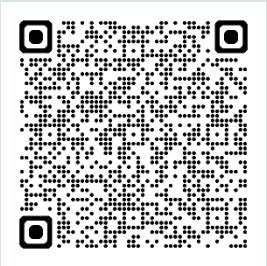
- Samples must be stored at 0°C to ≤7°C, and samples must at ≤7°C on reaching the lab
- Ensure that samples are labelled and the details are provided to the lab:
  - ✓ Est number
  - ✓ Date of sampling
  - ✓ Packing line (if applicable)
  - ✓ Unique identifier of the sampled lot
  - ✓ Product description
  - ✓ The name of the approved testing laboratory

**Core-drilling is not an acceptable method for STEC testing**



## Sample analysis and results

### STEC samples are analysed:



only at  
**department-approved labs**  
(Scan QR code for list)



only using  
**department-approved methods**  
(Scan QR code for list)

Sample analysis must commence on or before the second day following sample collection.

### Reporting of results

All (commercial and department verification) results are reported to the DAFF On-Plant Veterinarian/circuit inspector immediately and results entered into MEDC.

All commercial results from independent cold stores are reported back to the packing establishment and the respective department officer.

Certificates of analysis for all department verification results and positive commercial results are provided to the department's Food Safety Unit who verify results in MEDC.

### Actions



#### Negative

Products released



#### Potential positive

Further confirmatory testing using same enriched broth at an approved confirmation laboratory



#### Confirmed positive

= any STEC/O157 colony isolated

Retained and condemned, or Department-approved heat treatment (Investigate and report to department)

## Summary: STEC testing for products to US

	RGBC (e.g. trims)	RGBP (e.g. patties)
<b>Sampling frequency</b>	Every lot for US (or Canada)	Daily
<b>Sampling method</b>	Surface excision Grab	Grab Core
<b>Min sample amount</b>	5 pieces (5-10 g each) 12 cartons 375 ± 37.5 g	65 g 5 cartons 325 g
<b>Department verification</b>	All 7 STEC serotypes At least 1 x per calendar month Department supervision of sampling Department control of sample Independent lab	

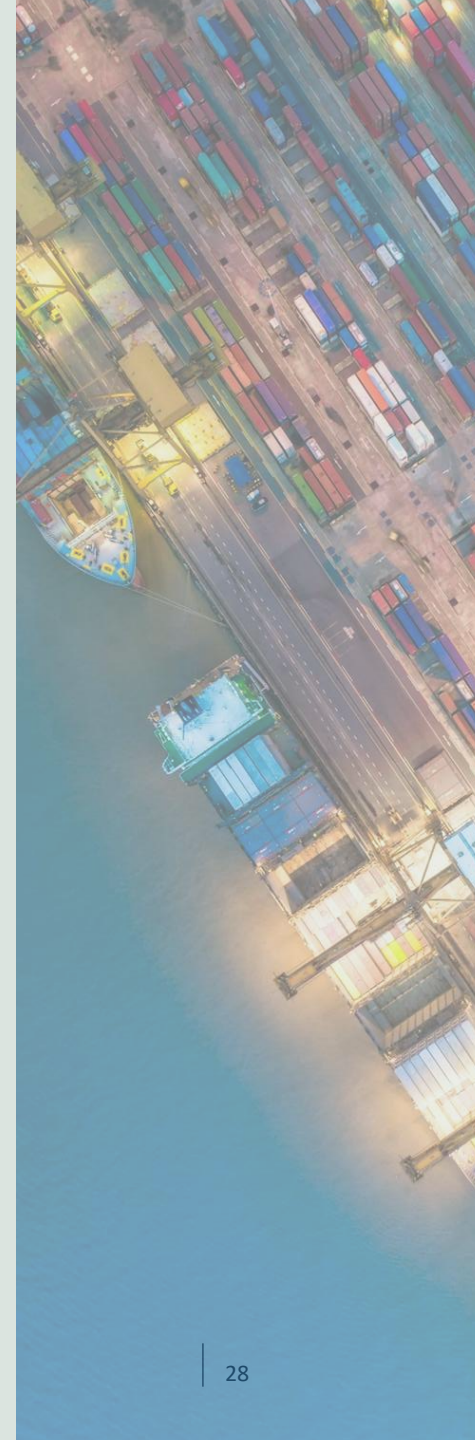
# The current system – how do we do better?

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# Point of Entry STEC detections

- What does this mean?
- Actions taken – industry & department
- What can be improved?



# What has been agreed?

Establishments are responsible for defining the lots



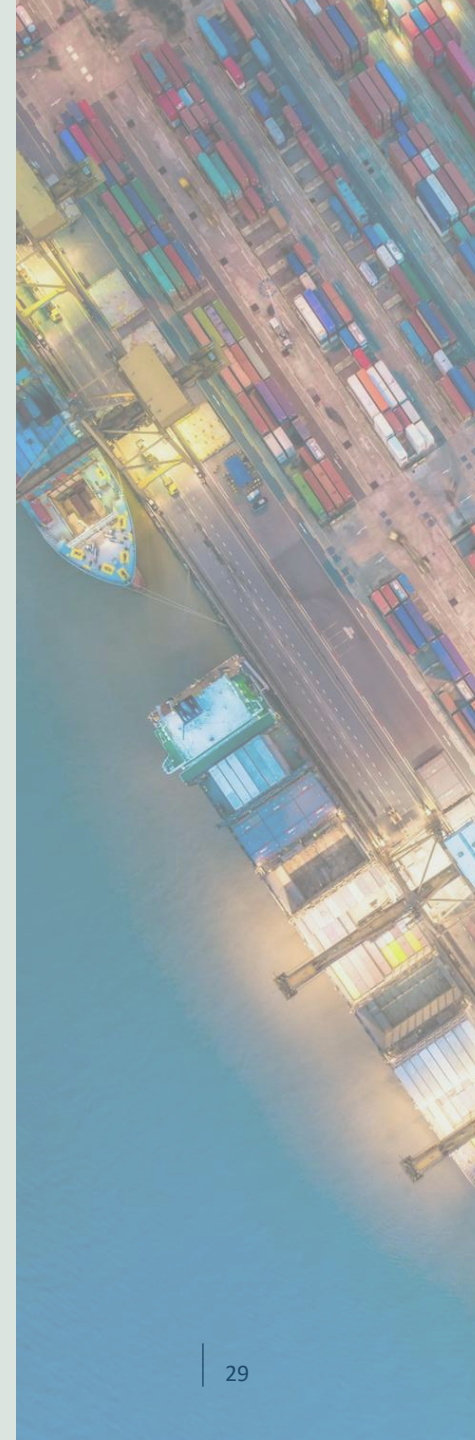
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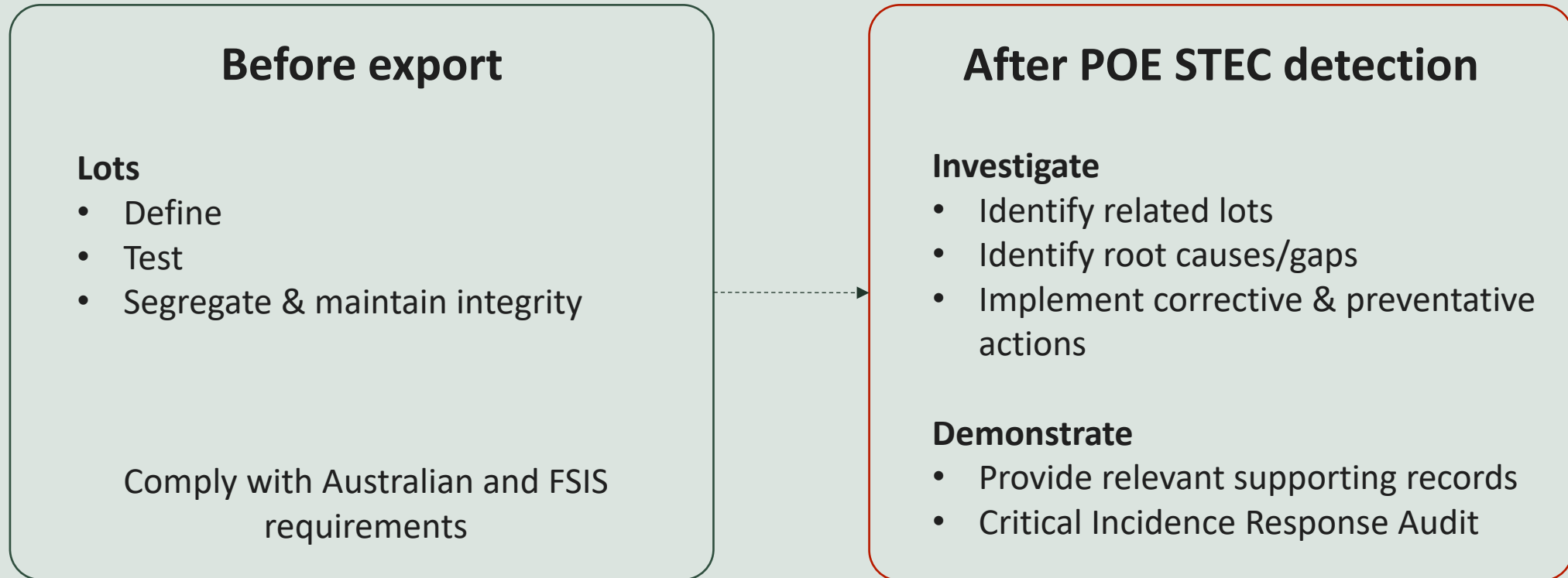
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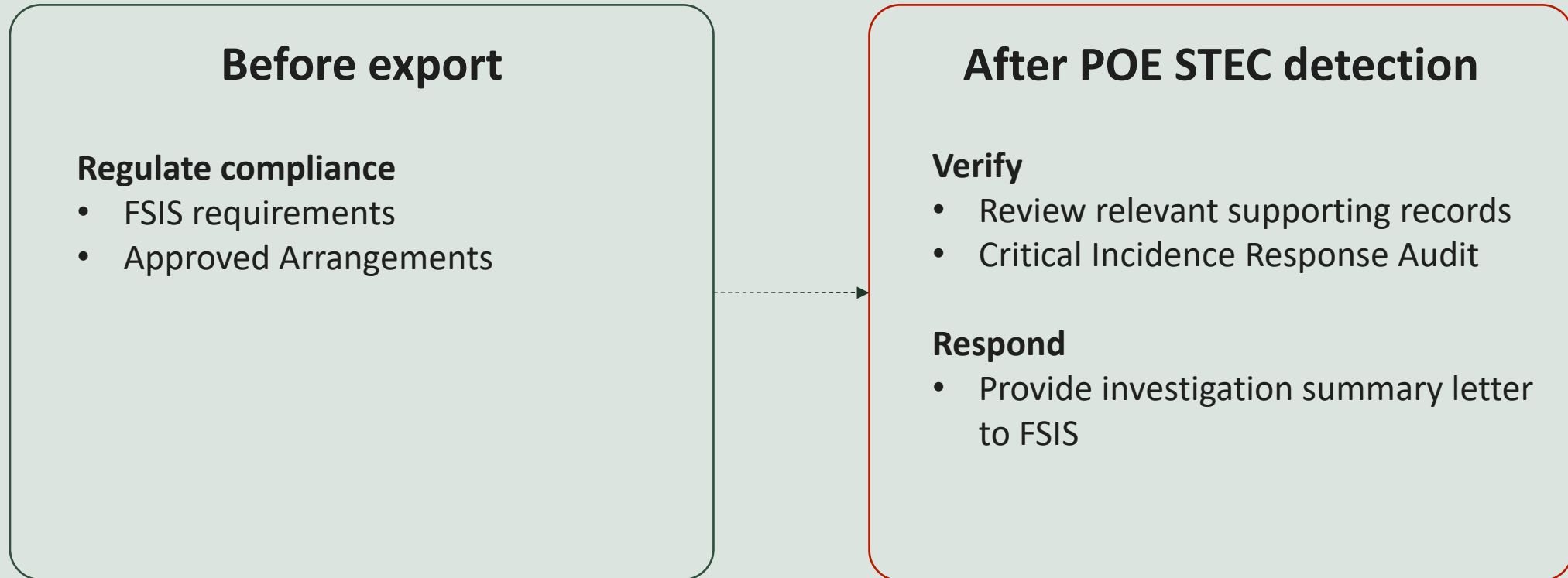


# What must the industry do?



**Consider potential for high incident event**

# What must the department do?



**What happens next?**

**What else can the industry do?**

# Discussions





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# Lunch



# HACCP

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# Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)

## US audit findings

February 2025

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# The HACCP concept

“A system that identifies, evaluates and controls hazards that are significant for food safety.”

AS4696:2023

*Is about preventing failure rather than detecting failure*



# Key Goals of HACCP

- identification of all sources of hazards in the production of product and deciding which are significant for food safety (hazard analysis)

AND

- the development of procedures and controls to eliminate, prevent or reduce hazards significant to food safety (HA + CCP)

# Introduction to a HACCP system

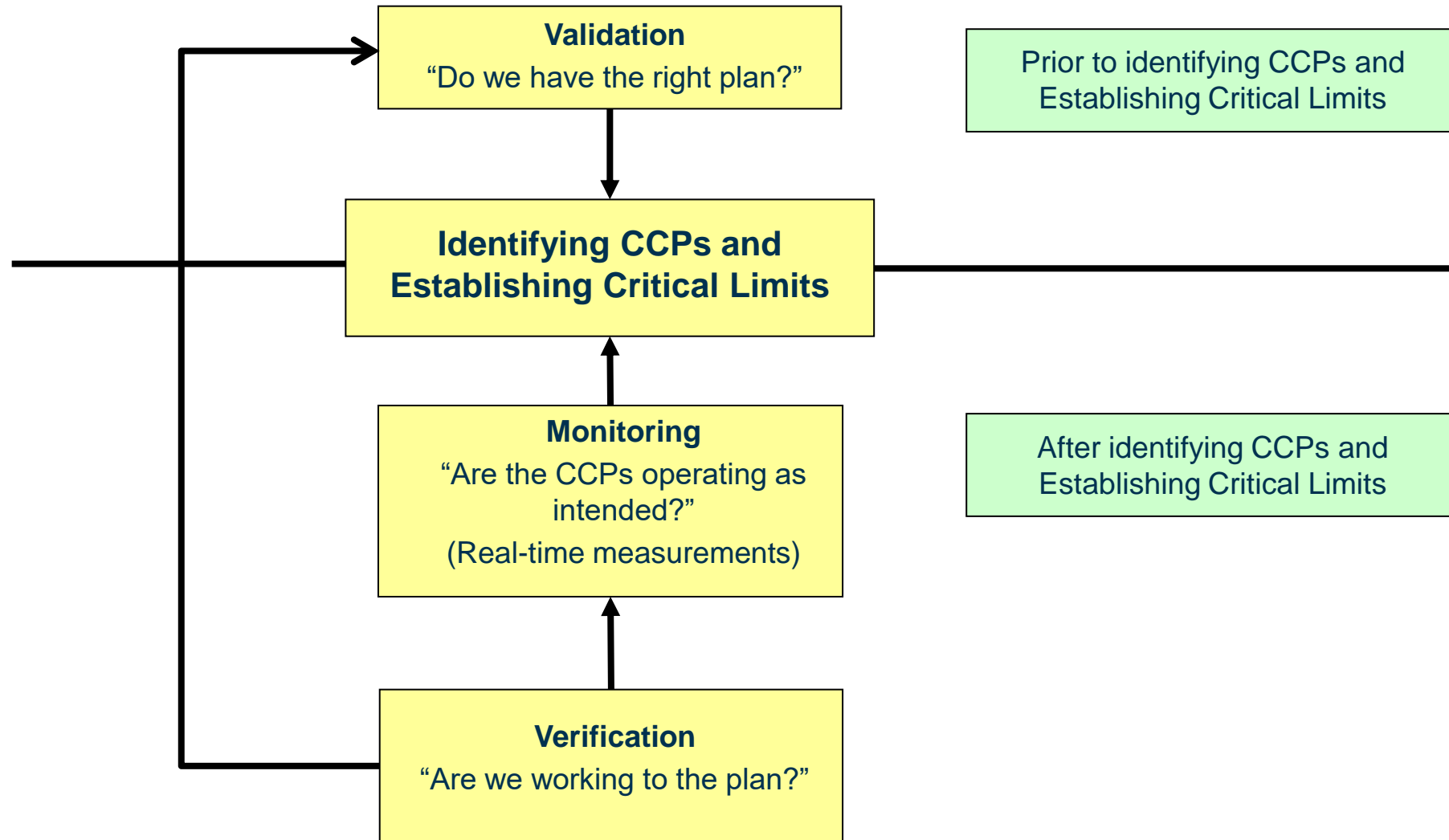
The 7 HACCP principles:

1. Conduct a Hazard Analysis
2. Identify the Critical Control Points
3. Establish Critical Limits with each CCP
4. Establish Monitoring Procedures
5. Establish Corrective Actions
6. Establish Procedures to Verify System
7. Establish Effective Documentation & Record Keeping

# Validation, Verification & Monitoring



# Validation, Verification & Monitoring





# US audit findings

*“DAFF inspection system did not effectively verify the adequacy of design and implementation of HACCP systems”*

- HACCP Principle 7** • Establishments must have **proper recording** of CCP monitoring records, effectiveness of corrective actions, and measures to prevent recurrence
- HACCP Principles 1 and 6** • Establishments must adhere to agreed HACCP plan **verification** and **hazard analysis** procedures
- HACCP Principle 4** • Establishments must adhere to agreed HACCP **monitoring procedures**

# US audit findings

## HACCP 'Verification' and 'Records'..... CFR Directives

9 CFR 417.4 (up to date as of 1/22/2024)  
Validation, Verification, Reassessment.

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**Title 9 – Animals and Animal Products**  
**Chapter III – Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture**  
**Subchapter E – Regulatory Requirements Under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act**  
**Part 417 – Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems**  
Authority: 21 U.S.C. 451–470, 601–695, 1031–1056; 7 U.S.C. 460, 1901–1906; 7 CFR 2.18, 2.59.  
Source: 61 FR 38868, July 25, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 417.4 Validation, Verification, Reassessment.**

(a) Every establishment shall validate the HACCP plan's adequacy in controlling the food safety hazards identified during the hazard analysis, and shall verify that the plan is being effectively implemented.

(1) **Initial validation.** Upon completion of the hazard analysis and development of the HACCP plan, the establishment shall conduct activities designed to determine that the HACCP plan is functioning as intended. During this HACCP plan validation period, the establishment shall repeatedly test the adequacy of the CCPs, critical limits, monitoring and recordkeeping procedures, and corrective actions set forth in the HACCP plan. Validation also encompasses reviews of the records themselves, routinely generated by the HACCP system, in the context of other validation activities.

(2) **Ongoing verification activities.** Ongoing verification activities include, but are not limited to:

- The calibration of process-monitoring instruments;
- Direct observations of monitoring activities and corrective actions; and
- The review of records generated and maintained in accordance with § 417.5(a)(3) of this part.

(3) **Reassessment of the HACCP plan.** Every establishment shall reassess the adequacy of the HACCP plan at least annually and whenever any changes occur that could affect the hazard analysis or alter the HACCP plan. Such changes may include, but are not limited to, changes in: raw materials or source of raw materials; product formulation; slaughter or processing methods or systems; production volume; personnel; packaging; finished product distribution systems; or the intended use or consumers of the finished product. The reassessment shall be performed by an individual trained in accordance with § 417.7 of this part. The HACCP plan shall be modified immediately whenever a reassessment reveals that the plan no longer meets the requirements of § 417.2(c) of this part.

- Each establishment must make a record of each reassessment required by paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section and must document the reasons for any changes to the HACCP plan based on the reassessment, or the reasons for not changing the HACCP plan based on the reassessment. For annual reassessments, if the establishment determines that no change is needed to its HACCP plan, it is not required to document the basis for this determination.

(b) **Reassessment of the hazard analysis.** Any establishment that does not have a HACCP plan because hazard analysis has revealed no food safety hazards that are reasonably likely to occur shall reassess the adequacy of the hazard analysis whenever a change occurs that could reasonably affect whether

9 CFR 417.4(b) (enhanced display)

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**§ 417.5 Records.**

(a) The establishment shall maintain the following records documenting the establishment's HACCP plan:

- The written hazard analysis prescribed in § 417.2(a) of this part, including all supporting documentation;
- The written HACCP plan, including decisionmaking documents associated with the selection and development of CCPs and critical limits, and documents supporting both the monitoring and verification procedures selected and the frequency of those procedures.
- Records documenting the monitoring of CCPs and their critical limits, including the recording of actual times, temperatures, or other quantifiable values, as prescribed in the establishment's HACCP plan; the calibration of process-monitoring instruments; corrective actions, including all actions taken in response to a deviation; verification procedures and results; product code(s), product name or identity, or slaughter production lot. Each of these records shall include the date the record was made.

(b) Each entry on a record maintained under the HACCP plan shall be made at the time the specific event occurs and include the date and time recorded, and shall be signed or initialed by the establishment employee making the entry.

(c) Prior to shipping product, the establishment shall review the records associated with the production of that product, documented in accordance with this section, to ensure completeness, including the determination that all critical limits were met and, if appropriate, corrective actions were taken, including the proper disposition of product. Where practicable, this review shall be conducted, dated, and signed by an individual who did not produce the record(s), preferably by someone trained in accordance with § 417.7 of this part, or the responsible establishment official.

(d) **Records maintained on computers.** The use of records maintained on computers is acceptable, provided that appropriate controls are implemented to ensure the integrity of the electronic data and signatures.

(e) **Record retention.**

- Establishments shall retain all records required by paragraph (a)(3) of this section as follows: for slaughter activities for at least one year; for refrigerated product, for at least one year; for frozen, preserved, or shelf-stable products, for at least two years.
- Off-site storage of records required by paragraph (a)(3) of this section is permitted after six months, if such records can be retrieved and provided, on-site, within 24 hours of an FSIS employee's request.

9 CFR 417.5(a)(2) (enhanced display)

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## 9 CFR 417.4 'Validation, Verification, Reassessment

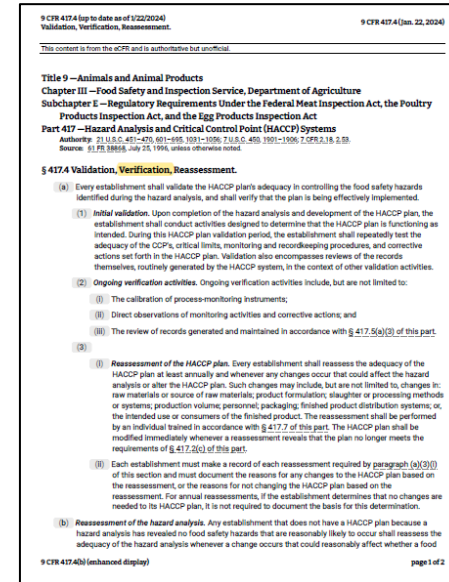
HACCP plan -  
Initial  
validation

HACCP plan -  
Ongoing  
verification  
activities

HACCP plan –  
Reassessment

Verification to be undertaken:

- Check-the-checker (*direct observation of monitoring*)
- Daily record review (*pre-shipment review*)
- Calibration of measuring equipment (*process monitoring instruments*)



# Daily review of product monitoring records

## Establishment requirements for sending product to the US:

- Confirm that **critical limits** are met at each **CCP** on at least a daily basis. If not, ensure appropriate CA and PA action taken and proper disposition made on affected product .
- Review monitoring or verification records for **inter-establishment transfer** and **loading for export** on at least daily basis.
- Wherever possible, the record review is carried out by **employees trained in HACCP** (someone other than the person who created the record).
- Make the record review a **single consolidated document** listing CCPs and various daily monitoring records. It must be **signed and dated** and have a comment on acceptability or otherwise.
- Make the record review summary available to departmental officers on request.

# ***HACCP requirements for US listed establishments***

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[Export Meat Operational Guideline: 3.19 HACCP requirements for US listed establishments](#)

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# *HACCP requirements for US listed establishments*

**Table 1: HACCP reassessments of predominant STEC serotypes**

HACCP reassessment determination	Testing requirement
Non-O157 STEC are <b>likely</b> to occur; or control measures are inadequate to control the risk.	Establishments must test for ' <b>Top 7</b> ' STEC in each lot for export.
Non-O157 STEC are <b>not likely</b> to occur; or control measures are adequate to control the risk.	Establishments may test for <i>E. coli</i> -O157 <b>only</b> in each lot for export. If establishments are testing for <i>E. coli</i> -O157 only, they must provide justification resulting from the reassessment. Monthly departmental verification sample results may contribute to HACCP reassessment determination.

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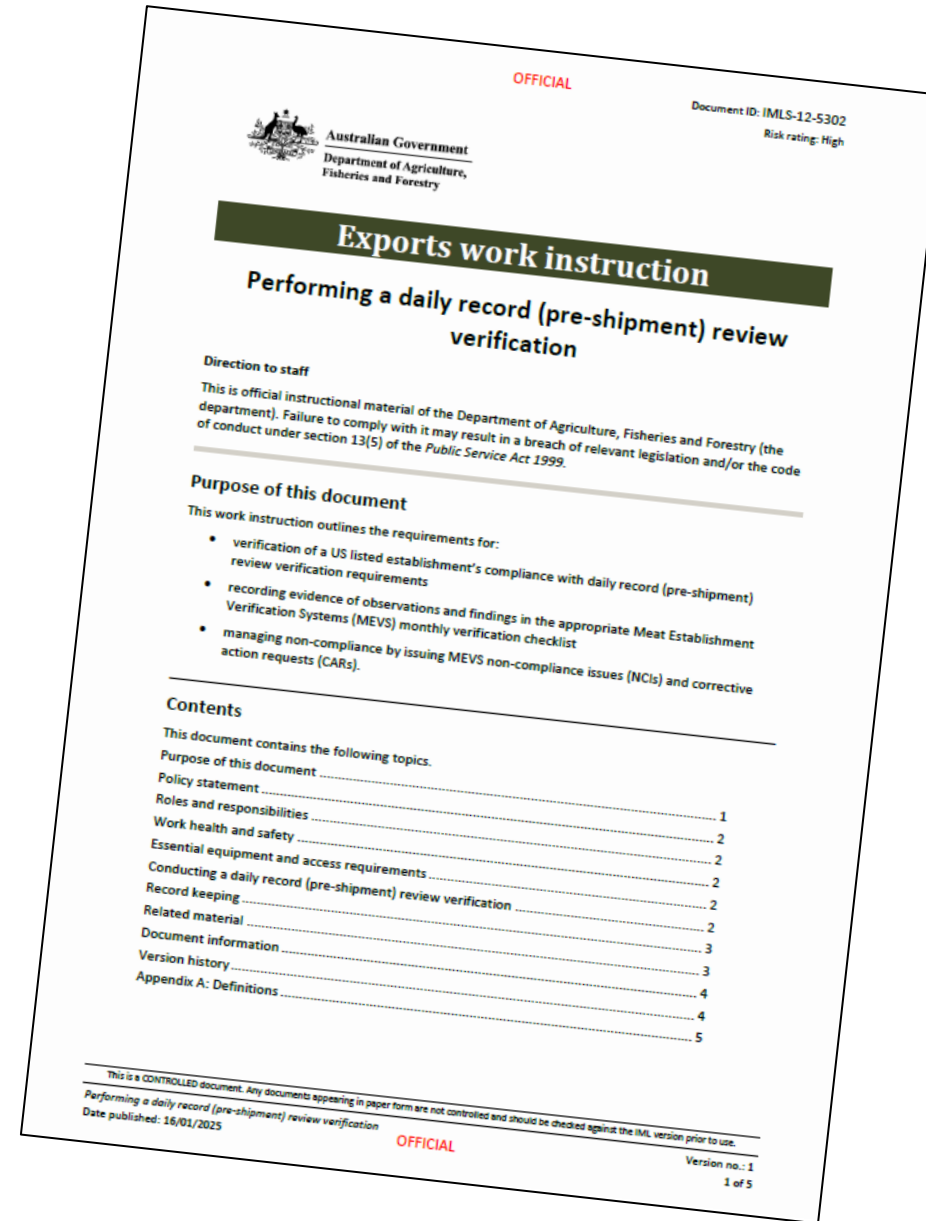
## **Meat establishment verification system**

These activities include the following:

- Zero tolerance CCP verification activities are undertaken to objectively measure the physical standards of meat hygiene and verify that processes are being undertaken in accordance with good manufacturing practice (GMP). Verification of the slaughter floor CCP's by the department must include weasand, head and cheek meat.
- Five (5) establishment daily record reviews (pre-shipment reviews) are verified monthly to ensure all CCP's have been complied with.
- Monthly STEC department verification testing. See section: Microbial sampling and testing verification.

# OPV work instruction for daily record review verification

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# OPV work instruction for daily record review verification

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5.	End of procedure.								

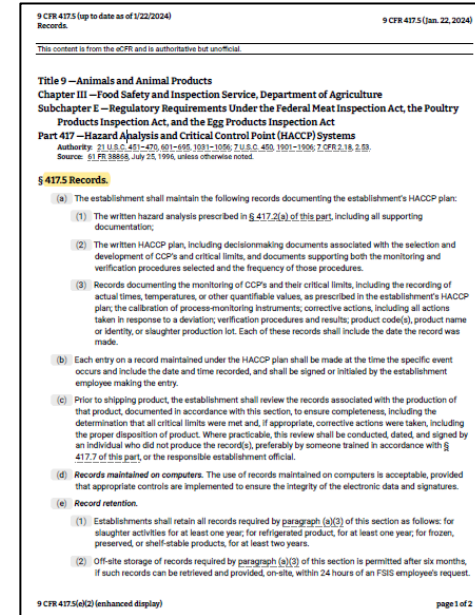
# US audit findings

## 9 CFR 417.5 'Records'



Inputs missing from hazard analysis e.g. weasand clips (physical), vacuum pack inserts (physical), spray chilling (biological hazard)

Establishments are required to have dates, times and signatures on all monitoring and verification records – done in a timely manner



# 'Real world' (POE rejections) linked to physical hazards - input

Below, **mesh glove safety tensioner**, found by FSIS during inspection of a carton of boneless beef



Establishment had an effective HACCP plan to identify the risk. However, staff deviated from adhering to the Loose Item Control Procedure.



# 'Real world' (POE rejections) linked to physical hazards – non-input

Below, a nylon “oilon” cuff used on a beef hook to prevent metal on metal contact. Found in a carton of boneless beef trimmings by FSIS inspectors



Item not documented in HACCP.

Controlled by Loose Item Control Procedure – expectation staff to inspect all cartons for foreign material. Outcome, HACCP re-worked and beef book had a weld point added to catch cuff if it fractures in future.



# 'Real world' (POE rejections) linked to physical hazards – non input

Below, multiple small hard pieces of plastic; found during FSIS inspection of a random carton



Culprit: Temporarily trialled face masks used during COVID – prone to fracturing during use and quickly withdrawn from trial



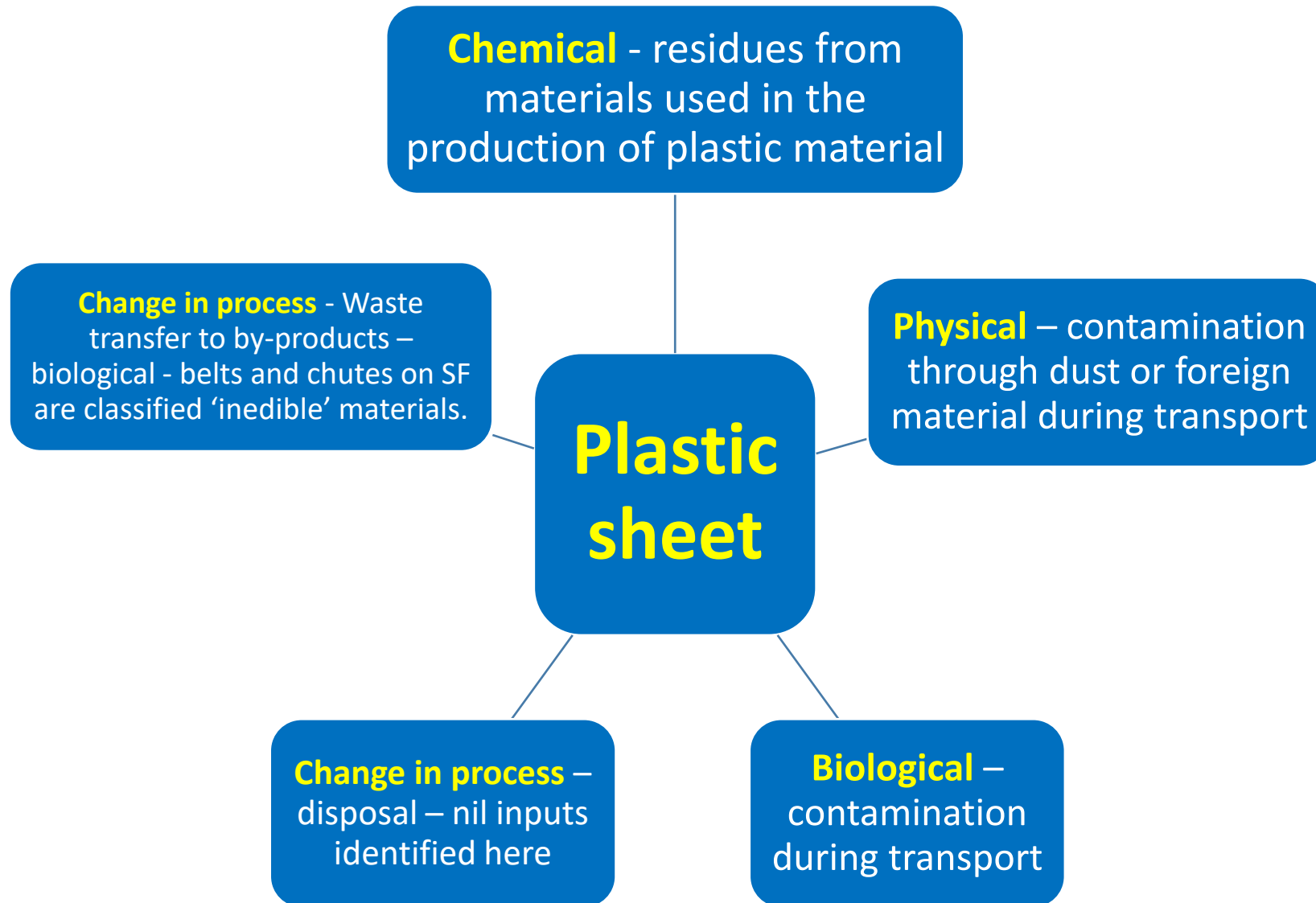
# Hazard analysis table

Process Step		Potential Hazard		Risk Level			CCP Decision Tree				CCP Y/N	Justification	Control Measures	
No	Description	Code	Hazard	L	S	R	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
133	DROPPED MEAT	C	Nil									No hazards identified	Nil	
		P	Nil										No hazards identified	Nil
		B	Contamination of product through contacting a non-food surface (floor).	B	2	5	Y	N	Y	Y	N	<p>Contamination of products through contacting a non-food surface.</p> <p>Boning room floor is a source of microbiological contamination.</p> <p>Dropped meat could become contaminated with grit/pathogens from the floor. Hygienic procedures used to recondition dropped meat by full trimming of all surfaces or disposal to inedible rendering.</p> <p>Incident level is low due to training of employees in correct meat handling procedures.</p>	<p>Operators are fully trained in the requirements of the task description and as illustrated at the Dropped Meat trimming table</p> <p>Dropped meat procedures are monitored by the FSQA Officers on a daily basis.</p>	
		A	Allergens	D	2	12	-	-	-	-	N	<p>Hazard controlled by GMP</p> <p>Employees can come into contact with Allergens unknowingly when having routine breaks.</p>	<p>Operators are fully trained in the requirements of the task description</p> <p>It is a requirement when entering production areas that hands are washed with anti-bacterial soap.</p>	

Input = Plastic sheet



# Dropped meat - hazard inputs



# Introduction to a HACCP system

The 7 HACCP principles:

1. Conduct a Hazard Analysis
2. Identify the Critical Control Points
3. Establish Critical Limits with each CCP
4. Establish Monitoring Procedures
5. Establish Corrective Actions
6. Establish Procedures to Verify System
7. Establish Effective Documentation & Record Keeping

# HACCP Audit Table - Complete

Process Step and Name	Hazard	Control Measure(s)	CCP	Critical Limit	Monitoring procedure	Corrective Action	HACCP Verification	HACCP Records
Step #. Carcase chilling	Biological hazard: <i>Salmonella</i> Verotoxigenic <i>E.coli</i>	Reduction of carcase surface temperature to $\leq 7^{\circ}\text{C}$ within 24 hours after sticking.  Establish refrigeration parameters (e.g. air flow, suction pressure, coil temperature, etc.) for equipment operation to achieve Critical Limit.  Effective carcase spacing	2	Meat surface temp $\leq 7^{\circ}\text{C}$ within 24 hrs of sticking.	<i>What</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface temperature of 3 randomly selected carcasses in each chiller.</li> <li>Chiller thermograph daily.</li> </ul> <i>How</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calibrated hand-held thermometer at site of microbiological concern</li> </ul> <i>When</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 24 hrs of slaughter daily prior to boning/loadout</li> </ul> <i>Who</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QA technician</li> </ul>	Contact maintenance to repair chiller problem.  Identify and retain affected product.  Transfer to alternative chiller if available, maintain retention.  Download any temp. logger data and run temp. profile on RI calculator.  Sample affected carcasses for micro analysis to determine wholesomeness.  Make disposition in liaison with DAWE.  Investigate cause of non-conformance.  Implement preventive measures.  Conduct follow up on effectiveness of preventive measures.  Record actions.	Random micro-testing in accordance with ESAM protocol.  Daily review of CCP records prior to loadout by QAM.  QAM observation of QA Technician monitoring.  Management review of CCP records and customer feedback.  Internal audit of CCP's.  External audit findings.  Thermometer calibration records.	Chiller thermograph  Daily <u>carcase</u> surface temp records F7.5.5  QA monitoring records of chiller procedures F7.5.5  Chiller maintenance records F6.3.1  Corrective action records F8.5.2  RI calculations  Calibration records F8.2.3  <i>All records should be signed, dated and the specific results recorded.</i>

Principle 1  
Hazard Analysis

Principle 3  
Critical Limits

Principle 5  
Corrective Actions

Principle 7  
Records

Principle 2  
Identify CCP

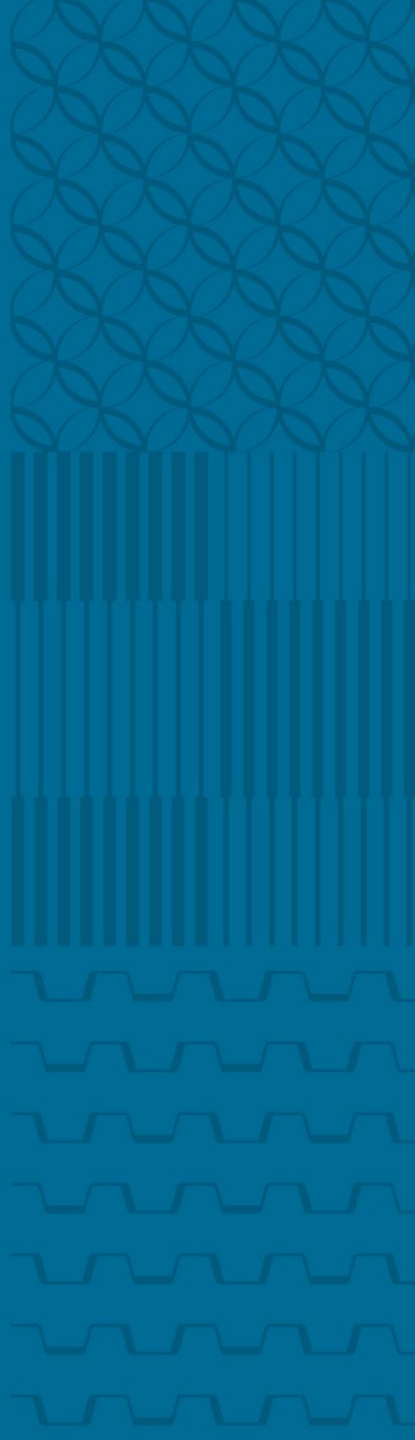
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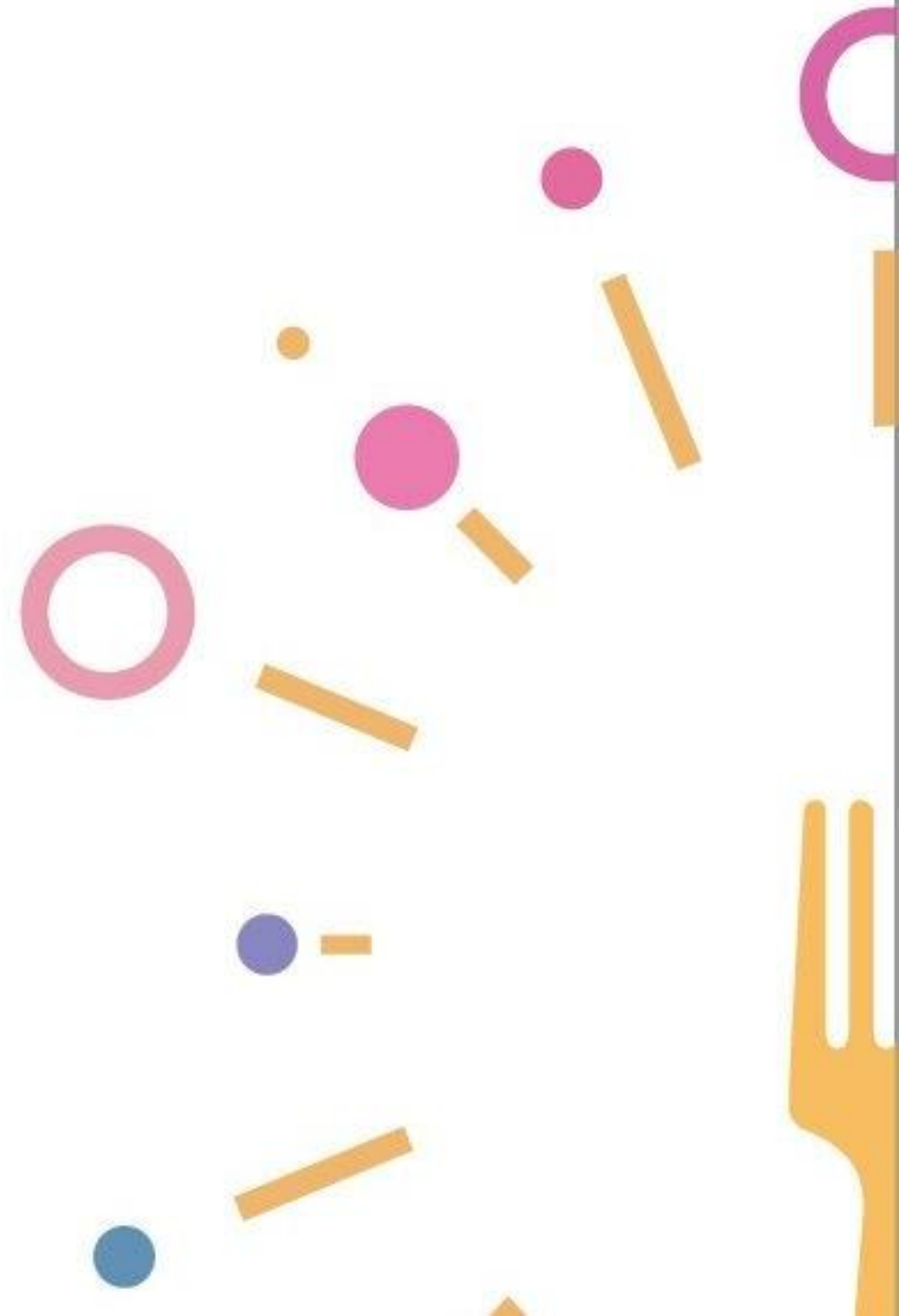


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# FSIS Guidance documents

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# Outline



- **FSIS is our customer!**
- **FSIS produce a lot of guidance materials**
  - Where are they?
  - What's in them?
- **How to use the FSIS Guidance to keep on top of HACCP System**

- **Import control**
  - Does the product get into the country?
- **FSIS is another ‘customer’**
  - Products and processes (systems) need to meet FSIS requirements before product is released into commerce
    - Port-of-Entry rejection
  - Conducts audits
    - System audits of Australia, including processing establishments
- **Looking at the customer’s specification and guidance will help to understand their requirements**

# HACCP Guidance



- [HACCP Guidance | Food Safety and Inspection Service](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/compliance-guidance/haccp)

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- **Australia does not need to implement every aspect of food safety exactly as it is done in the USA**

- Our system is different – and “equivalent”

**BUT**

- **HACCP is internationally accepted and defined**

- No option to define an alternative approach

- Some aspects of ‘regulatory HACCP’ may vary from ‘scientific/technical HACCP’ – defined by history, becomes part of the system, **the customer is always right!**

- [Guidebook for the Preparation of HACCP Plans | Food Safety and Inspection Service](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/guidelines/2020-0008)

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# Hazards and Controls guidance



- [Meat and Poultry Hazards and Controls Guide](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/import/Meat%20and%20Poultry%20Hazards%20Controls%20Guide%2010042005.pdf)

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# Hazards and Controls guidance



- **General verification questions** (partial list)
  - Is this step in the hazard analysis and flow chart?
  - Have any hazards been identified associated with this step?
  - Is this process step a CCP?
  - Can the establishment support that the hazard is not reasonably likely to occur (NRLTO)?
  - Are all procedures (pre-requisite or other programs) identified in the hazard analysis?
  - Are records associated with this step required to be kept?

# Hazards and Controls guidance



- **Potential hazards and frequently used controls (examples)**

Process step	Potential Hazards	Frequently used controls
Animal receipt and holding	SRMs	Procedures to identify animals 30 months of age and older
	Chemical – residues, antibiotics	Residue certification presented for live animals
		Residue control program designed to control residue violations
	Physical – sharp objects or foreign materials	Visual examination of carcass, parts and viscera

- **Plus suggested verification questions**

# HACCP Systems Validation Guidance



- [FSIS Compliance Guideline HACCP Systems Validation - April 2015](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/import/HACCP_Systems_Validation.pdf)

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This guidance document is designed to help very small meat and poultry establishments meet the **initial validation** requirements in 9 CFR 417.4

- The difference between initial validation and ongoing verification;
- How to identify **scientific support** relevant to their process;
- What are **critical operational parameters** and how to identify them in the scientific or technical support;
- How to demonstrate that the critical operational parameters are being met during initial validation (i.e., through the collection of **in-plant validation data**); and
- How an existing establishment can **incorporate this guidance into their HACCP system**.

**NOTE:** The establishment should develop the appropriate in-plant data during the initial 90 days of implementing a new HACCP system, or **whenever a new or modified food safety hazard control is introduced** into an existing HACCP system (e.g., as implemented after a HACCP plan reassessment).

# HACCP Model for Beef Slaughter



- [HACCP Model for Beef Slaughter | Food Safety and Inspection Service](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/guidelines/2021-0009)  
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- Generic model: example of how to meet regulatory requirements
- Tailored to meet an establishment's operation
- Includes (2 out of the first 5 of the 12) steps of HACCP
  - [Assemble HACCP team]
  - Product description
    - Ingredients and incoming materials
  - [Intended use]
  - Process Flow Chart
    - [on-site confirmation of flow chart]
- Includes 7 principles

# Guidance for manufacturing beef



- [FSIS Industry Guideline for Minimizing the Risk of Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli \(STEC\) in Beef \(including Veal\) Slaughter Operations | Food Safety and Inspection Service](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/guidelines/2021-0008)

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- This guideline helps establishments that slaughter beef (including veal) to implement effective sanitary dressing procedures designed to prevent carcass contamination; implement effective decontamination and antimicrobial interventions; properly assess microbial testing results; and use the results to assess the effectiveness of the overall HACCP system.
- [Compliance Guideline for Establishments Sampling Beef Trimmings for Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli \(STEC\) Organisms or Virulence Markers | Food Safety and Inspection Service](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/guidelines/2014-0009)

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- The guidance provides information about procedures for testing for STEC organisms (or virulence markers) using the N60 sample collection method on beef manufacturing trimmings. It applies to official establishments that slaughter or fabricate beef and their ongoing activities to ensure the intended functioning of their food safety programs.
- Probably better covered by DAFF *Microbiological Manual* because STEC testing is covered by an equivalence agreement.

# Advice



- **Know what is in your customer's (FSIS) specifications and guidance**
- **Use the FSIS guidance (in addition to EMOG 3.19 HACCP requirements for US listed establishments) to make sure you are on the right track to meeting DAFF requirements**
  - Discuss with your OPV and ATM if there seem to be discrepancies – they will advise
- **Use FSIS guidance when conducting the annual review of your HACCP system**
  - e.g., verification questions (US auditors seem to ask the same questions)



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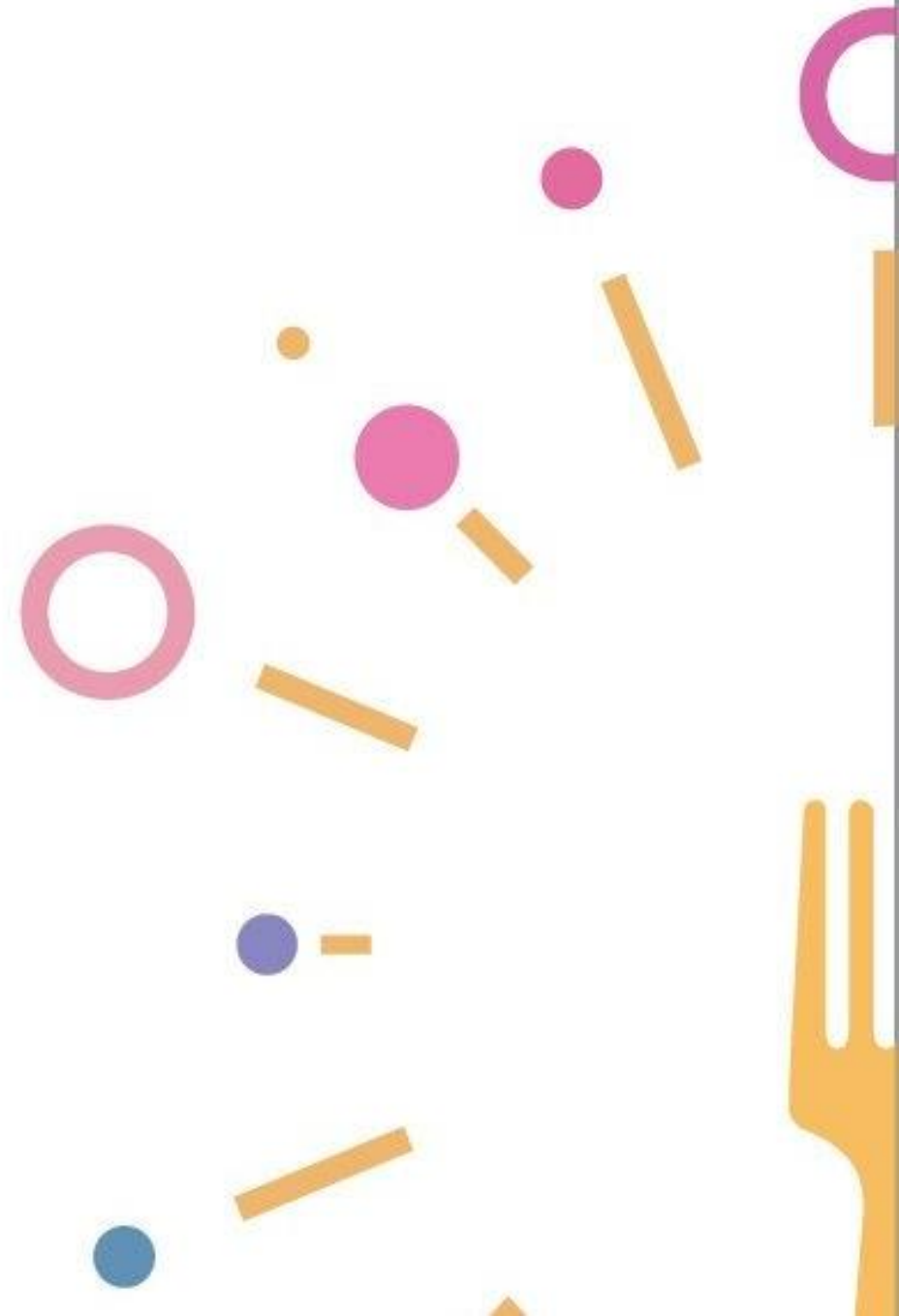
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# Action plan and evaluation



# Your action plan and evaluation - Melbourne



## Export meat update seminar ACTION PLAN

What aspect of our operation needs to change?	What needs to change?	What action will I take to get the change process started?
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# Your action plan and evaluation - Sydney



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# Your action plan and evaluation - Brisbane



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# Your action plan and evaluation - Perth



## Export meat update seminar ACTION PLAN

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# Frozen supply chain project

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# Warming the frozen meat supply chain: how to make it happen

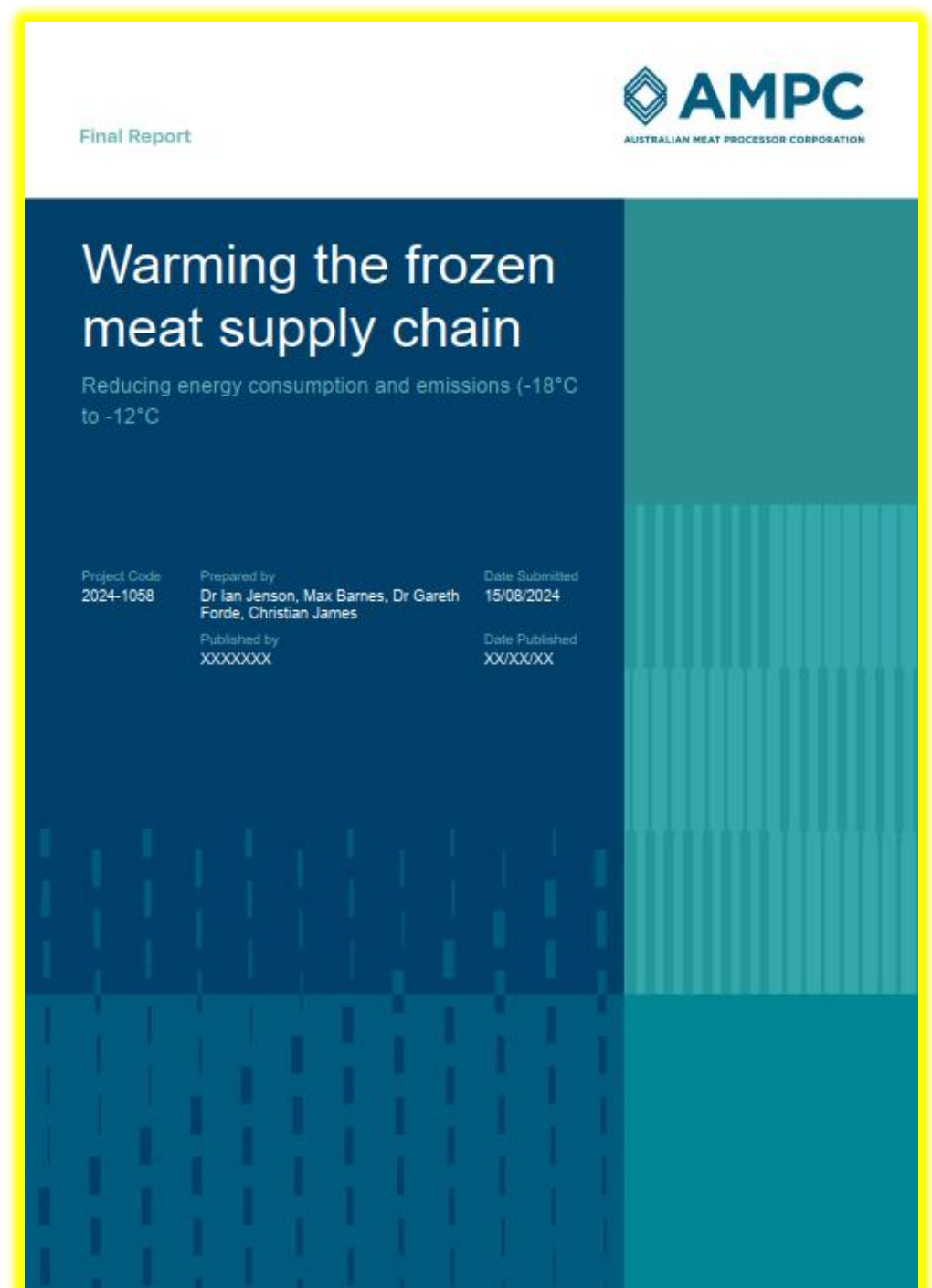
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- Likelihood of permission to increase temperature
- Energy, environmental benefits
- Regulatory environment
- Promoting acceptance

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- Frozen meat shelf life
- Ice cream
- UN Climate Change COP28



- Stakeholder acceptance and international regulatory change

# Will product shelf life be affected at warmer temperatures?

Shelf life assessment – beef (striploin, manufacturing) and lamb (short loin, manufacturing)



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## The practical storage life of Australian frozen boxed beef and lamb

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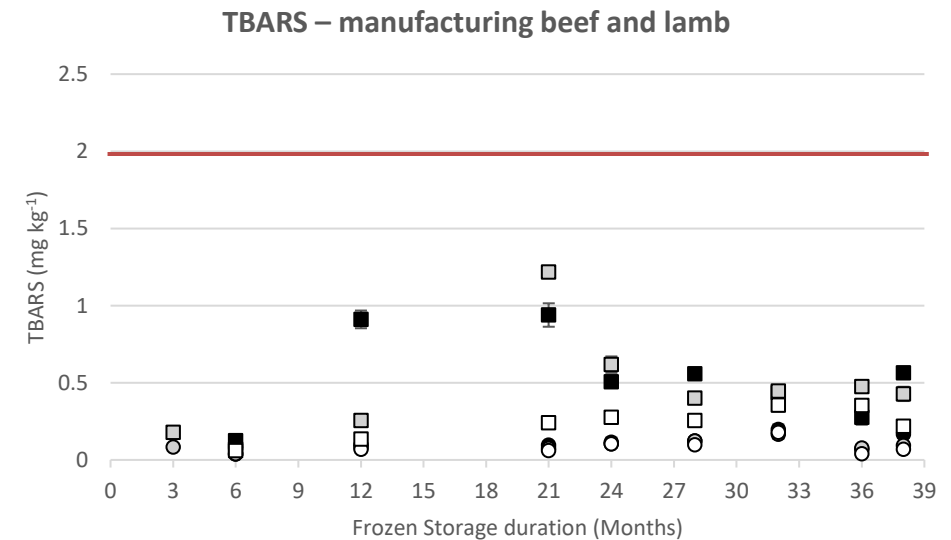
## Shelf life assessment – beef (striploin, manufacturing) and lamb (short loin, manufacturing)

- Commercial shipping to Grimsby (United Kingdom)
- Store -12°C, -18° C and -24°C
- Sensory – cooked product – appearance, odour, flavour, juiciness, tenderness
- Physical – drip, colour, texture
- Chemical – peroxide value, TBARS (measures of fat degradation)
- Microbiological – Aerobic colony counts

# Will product shelf life be affected at warmer temperatures?

Shelf life assessment – beef (striploin, manufacturing) and lamb (short loin, manufacturing)

- Beef and lamb loin and beef trim in vacuum packs can be stored at  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$ , or  $-24^{\circ}\text{C}$  without significant sensory degradation for a period of over 36 months.
- Frozen boxed lamb wrapped in plastic did not frequently produce unacceptable sensory scores until more than 28 months of frozen storage.

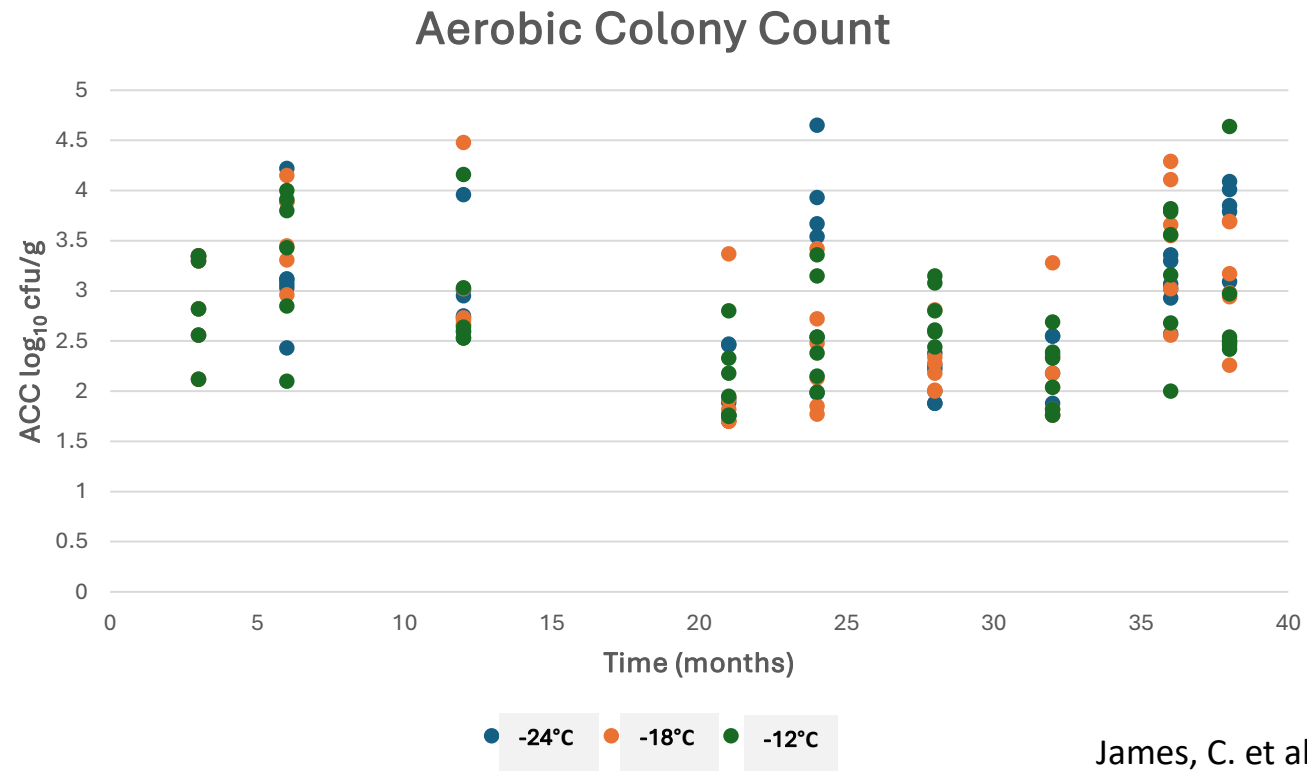


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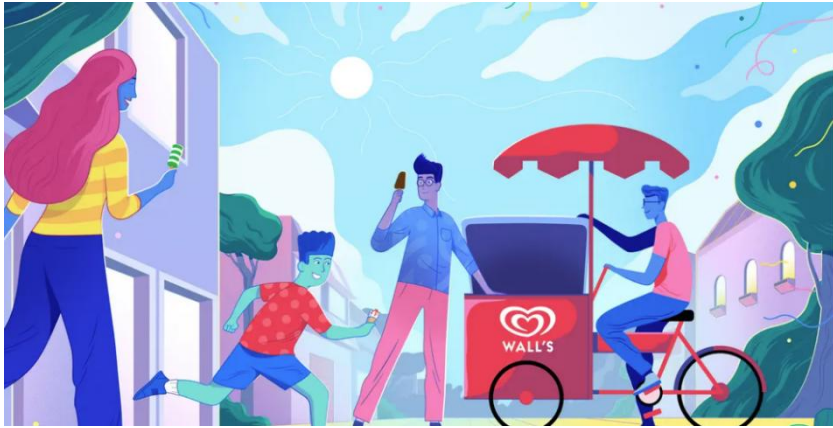
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## Shelf life assessment – microbiology



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# Ice cream



## Warmer ice cream for a cooler planet?

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Find out how we're working to lower the climate impact of the industry.



## Unilever to share reformulation patents with ice cream industry to tackle freezer emissions

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Unilever has announced it will grant a free non-exclusive license to the ice cream industry for 12 reformulation patents, following two successful pilots to warm up its last mile ice cream freezer cabinets.



### Warming up the Freezer Cabinets can be part of the solution

-18°C  
↑  
-12°C



- ✓ Good for Planet
- ✓ Good for Customers
- ✓ Good for Industry

in addition to making them more efficient & using green energy

Good for Planet

20-30% GHG reduction\* from freezer cabinets

Good for Outlets

20-30% energy savings



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## Three Degrees Of Change

FROZEN FOOD IN A RESILIENT AND  
SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM

Summary report & initial findings  
November 2023

*The savings that can be  
achieved by shifting  
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temperatures from  
-18°C to -15°C  
...estimate electrical  
energy savings of  
approximately 10%*

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## HOW THE CLIMATE CRISIS DISCUSSIONS COULD RESHAPE ASIA PACIFIC TRADE

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The  
Move  
to  
-15°C

Is a campaign to build a coalition  
of industry partners to change  
the temperature that frozen food  
is stored and transported at  
around the world.

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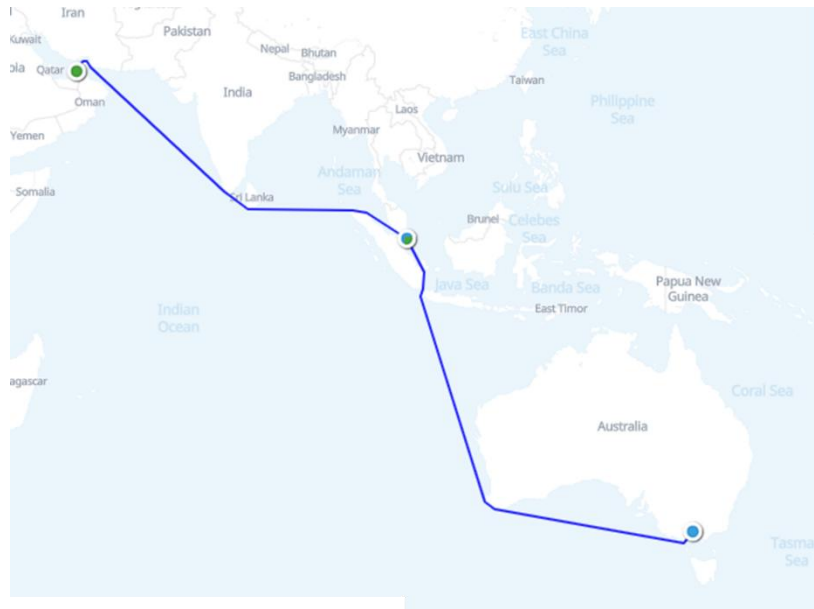
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# Environmental benefits: Emissions in frozen meat trade



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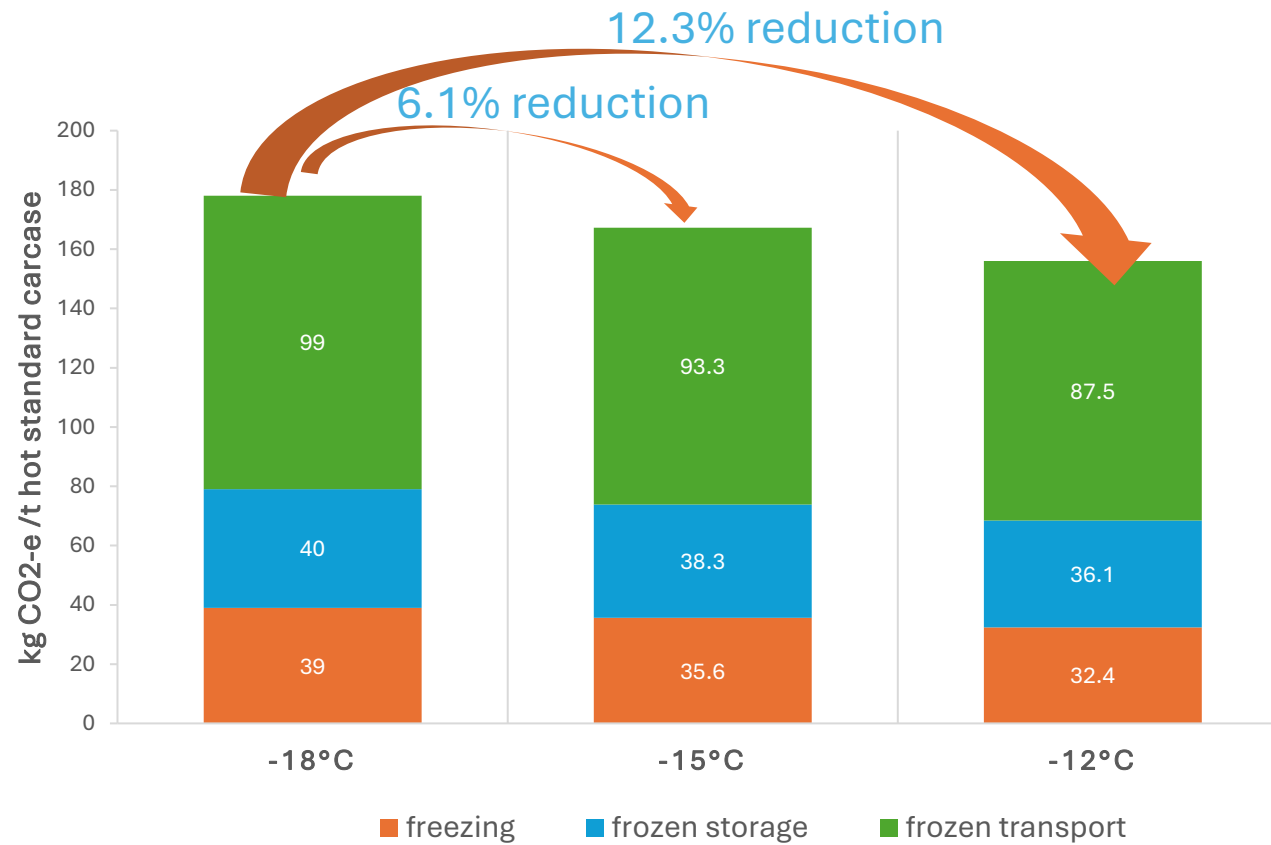
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# Emissions – at different cold chain temperatures



# Regulation



## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PROCESSING AND HANDLING OF QUICK FROZEN FOODS

(CAC/RCP 8-1976)

- The product temperature should be at  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder at the beginning of the transport
- Any rise above  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$  be kept to a minimum **...not...be warmer than  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$**
- Many countries set  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$  as the maximum temperature for frozen food



- Regulator and stakeholder agreement to raise the frozen food supply chain temperature

## The way forward...

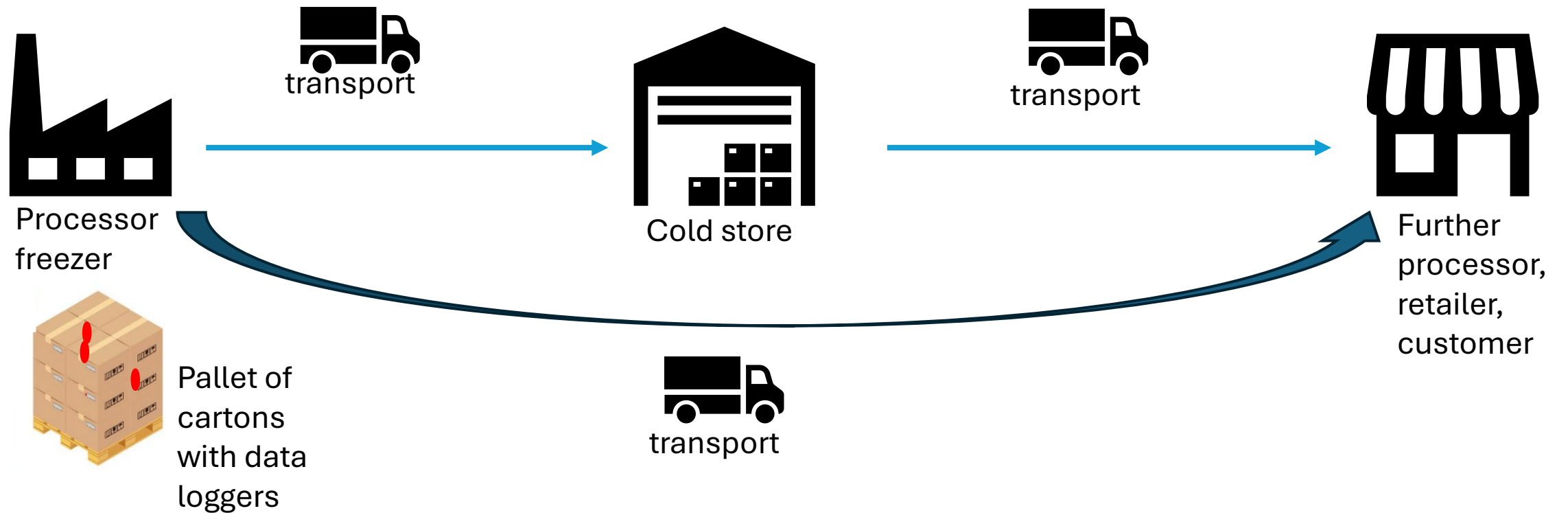
- Move to -15 coalition
- **Stakeholders** – the whole supply chain, consumers, and hardware vendors
- **Product owners** need to know about the quality of their product at warmer temperatures and the shelf life **DONE**
- **Supply chains** need to know about their performance – and how to control to new specifications **New AMPC Project**
- **Regulators** need to consider product safety and nutrition (will require technical advice) **review on food safety is being commissioned**
- All move in step together

# A project about frozen cold chain performance (AMPC 2025-1061)

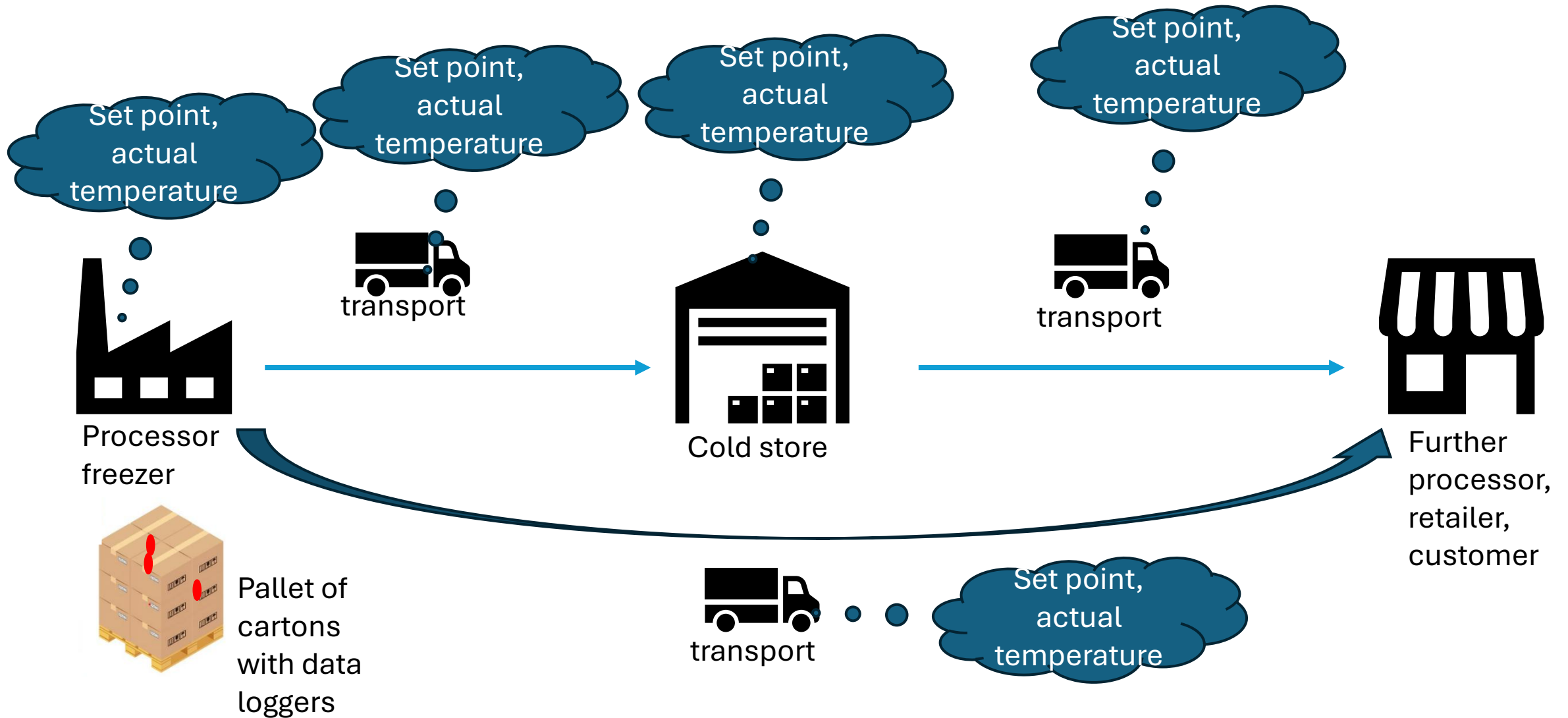
What temperature control can we expect from frozen supply chains?

- variables
  - Product, air temperatures
  - Defrost cycles
  - Ambient conditions
  - Specification of transport / cold stores
  - Specification of loading / unloading docks
  - National / international
- **Measure temperature of cartons (centre, corners, surface) in typical transport and correlate with cold store/transport air temperature**

# Frozen meat cold chain – and measurements



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# Friday 17 January:

## Expression of Interest

Calling for expressions of interest

Performance of frozen meat supply chains at warmer temperatures



- Select product and receiver/customer (national and international)
- OPTIONAL - cold chain operating at  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Install data loggers in the shipment (data loggers supplied)
- Record the truck number, the route to the receiver etc
- Supply this information to Ian Jenson
- Ian will obtain set point temperature and operating temperature for transport and intermediate storage
- Data will be collated to provide a picture of the industry – no identifiable information
- You will be provided with an analysis of data for your own product



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# Acknowledgements



**Thank you for coming!**

Apply what you have learned

