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**Instructions Regarding Canadian Imports Released**

Important information for Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) personnel about the receipt, slaughter and inspection of cattle, sheep and goats imported from Canada was released by the agency this week.

FSIS Notice 14-07, "Importation of Canadian Cattle, Sheep and Goats into the United States," also outlines the regulatory requirements for the importation of certain Canadian ruminants, which began July 15, 2005. The notice carries forward the instructions for inspection of these animals from FSIS Notice 15-05 with the following changes:

- Verification instructions for inspection program personnel to follow when slaughter establishment employees are authorized to break seals on livestock trucks;
- FSIS verification of Canadian ruminants when Canadian ear tags are lost or missing at the U.S. feedlot and the animals are retagged at the feedlot; and,
- Verification instructions for inspection program personnel at establishments that receive Canadian bison for slaughter.

This notice cancels FSIS Notice 15-05.

The notice can be accessed at  
<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FSISNotices/14-07.pdf>.  
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