

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE  
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# FSIS DIRECTIVE

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 Rev. 1

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## PAINTS AND COATINGS INTENDED FOR USE IN OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

### I. PURPOSE

This directive provides new information regarding the approval for use of paints and coatings on incidental food contact surfaces, e.g., walls, posts, partitions and doors, ceilings, coving, and floors in official establishments. The information in this directive is effective upon publication.

### II. [RESERVED]

### III. CANCELLATION

FSIS Directive 11,000.4

### IV. REFERENCES

MPI Regulations, Sections 308.3 and 381.48(a)  
 MPI Manual, Part 18.74(a)

### V. BACKGROUND

A. Prior to August 12, 1994, manufacturers were required to seek prior approval for paints and coatings and receive an approval letter from FSIS before paints and coatings could be used in official establishments. FSIS inspectors reviewed the information in the approval letter to determine if the paint or coating complied with FSIS requirements.

B. FSIS Directive 11,000.4, dated August 12, 1994, revised the above procedure for obtaining approval of paints and coatings. Under the revised procedure, paints and coatings were acceptable to FSIS if the supplier provided FSIS with either (1) a letter of certification or (2) a complete listing of the chemical composition of each component of the paint or coating with a performance statement noting that the paint or coating will perform well under a daily regimen of thorough cleaning, cyclical temperature change and wet conditions.

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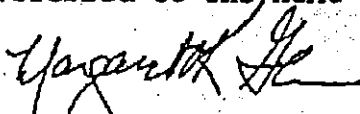
## VI. NEW PROCEDURE.

A. Effective immediately, prior approval letters, letters of certification or complete listings of chemical composition are no longer required before the paint or coating may be used in the establishment.

B. However, all paints and coatings applied in the establishment must be listed, using the generic terms "paint" or "coating," on the room finish schedule of meat, import and combination meat and poultry establishments and either on the room finish schedule or in the specifications of poultry establishments.

C. The Inspector in Charge will submit this information along with the establishment blueprints to the Facilities, Equipment and Sanitation Division at the time of blueprint review.

D. Any questions regarding this directive should be referred to the next level of supervision.



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