

Iowa Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) Labeling, Formulation and Brand Information

The following is general labeling, formulation and brand information for plants applying for the Iowa CIS program. More detailed information will be supplied throughout the application and acceptance process. If you have specific questions please direct those to Janis Hochstetler, Iowa Labeling Coordinator at 515-281-8858 or janis.hochstetler@iowaagriculture.gov.

CIS Product Declaration

Plants must declare what products will be made under CIS. All currently approved officially inspected products under Iowa state inspection are eligible (with a few exceptions). As part of the application process, plants are instructed to email janis.hochstetler@iowaagriculture.gov and request the plant's label resume and a copy of the plant specific inspection legends. Requests will be accepted starting Monday, February 24, 2020.

The plant will receive the label resume and legends along with detailed instructions. In essence, the plant will review the label resume and mark which products will be made under the CIS program. The plant will return the completed resume to the Des Moines Labeling Staff for review.

Products formulations approved for solely custom/retail exemption (T40/45) and label devices approved for state inspection and not for sale are not eligible for CIS use. To be produced under CIS, those formulations must be resubmitted. See below for further instructions.

CIS Inspection Legends (applied on finished products)

All products produced under CIS will be labeled per the usual regulatory requirements and with devices that bear the CIS mark of Inspection. There are two marks of inspection for CIS program. One for Red Meat Products and one for Poultry Products and shall be applied accordingly per specie.

Electronic high-resolution copies of legends will be supplied to each plant by the Des Moines Labeling Staff. Copies of the legends will be emailed along with the labeling resume.

CIS Master Label Submission

During the initial federal review each plant must have at least one CIS label available for review. Using the usual label review process, each plant will submit a new master label bearing the CIS mark(s) of inspection. Remember to submit a completed L2/3, a printer's proof of the label and if using with single ingredient products a list of those names. Once approved it can be used with previously approved and future products identified for CIS.

CIS New Product Submission

All new CIS product submissions will be submitted to the Des Moines office using the usual labeling forms and review process. CIS approvals can also be used for state inspected, retail exempt and custom exempt products.

CIS Label Submissions with Claims

All CIS labels bearing claims are required to be submitted to the USDA/FSIS Labeling Division for review and approval. All previously approved state inspected labels with claims will need to be resubmitted. All CIS labels with claims will be submitted to the Des Moines office for prescreening and will be forwarded on to USDA/FSIS labeling staff for approval.

Information regarding claim submission requirements can be found here:

[USDA/FSIS LABELING CLAIM GUIDANCE](#)

[USDA/FSIS Labeling Guidance for Animal Raising Claim](#)

CIS Carcass Brands

During the federal review process the red meat carcass brand form will be supplied to the plant by the USDA/FSIS representative. More details will be made available at that time.

Plants doing red meat slaughter under CIS will need to order CIS brands. There are two different brands; one for beef and hog carcasses (1 7/8" diameter) and one for all other red meat species, i.e. sheep, goats (1 1/4" diameter). An example of each plants legend(s) will be provided by the Des Moines Labeling Staff.