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With FSIS, Rita managed a diverse group of FSIS scientists initiating, managing, designing and executing interagency national food safety programs. She was also the lead expert in negotiating food safety export certificates with foreign government representatives. Rita designed, conducted, and managed seminars for foreign personal where she helped participants understand U.S. expectations for countries eligible to export meat, poultry and egg products to the U.S.

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