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FSIS to Hold Public Meeting on Risk-Based Inspection (RBI)

FSIS will hold a public meeting on April 2 to discuss the algorithm used to determine categories of inspection under RBI for processing establishments, use of public health significant noncompliance records and the proposed RBI timeline.

A document containing a ranking of non-compliance records for public health significance will soon be posted to FSIS' Web site.

This meeting is the first in a series of short public meetings or "technical summits" on specific issues raised by stakeholders during the development of risk-based inspection in processing.

The time of the public meeting has changed to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting was originally scheduled for the afternoon.

This time change will allow stakeholders to participate in this meeting while attending to their family responsibilities during Passover, which begins at sundown on April 2. The meeting will be held at George Mason University, Arlington Campus, 3401 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

Pre-registration is encouraged. To register online, go to http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Registration_040207_Meeting/index.asp and indicate whether you will be attending onsite at George Mason University or participating by phone.

A draft agenda for the meeting has been posted to FSIS' Web site, www.fsis.usda.gov, along with audio conference information. You may also register by contacting Sally Fernandez by phone at (202) 690-6524, by fax at (202) 690-6519, or by e-mail to sally.fernandez@fsis.usda.gov.

Toaccess issue papers, background information, meeting transcripts, workshop presentations and reports in support of risk-based inspection in processing, go to http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Risk_Based_Inspection/index.asp.