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FSIS Constituent Update

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FSIS Announces Public Meetings

FSIS published a *Federal Register* notice on July 31 titled, *Public Health-Based Inspection System in Poultry Slaughter*.

This notice announced that FSIS will hold a public meeting on August 7 to address the scientific foundations for future decision making including how to address *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella* and other public health concerns.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at George Mason University, School of Public Policy, 3401 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The George Mason University campus is located near the Virginia Square Metro Station on Metro's Orange Line for participants attending in person.

The agency is accepting comments by e-mail to riskbasedinspection@fsis.usda.gov.

FSIS also published a *Federal Register* notice on August 2 titled,

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection.

This notice announced that the committee will hold public meetings on August 8 and 9 to discuss data collection and analysis, which will include standard operating procedures, a technical plan for risk-based inspection and a pilot project to explore mechanisms for sharing industry data with FSIS.

The full committee will hold public meetings on August 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and August 9, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, EDT.

Subcommittees will hold open meetings on August 8, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., EDT, to discuss these issues after the full committee session.

All committee meetings will be held at George Mason University, Arlington Campus, 3401 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Va.

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Export Requirement Updates



The Library of Export Requirements has been updated to reflect changes in export requirements for the following:

Russia

Sri Lanka

Complete information can be found at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/index.asp.

Export Library Revisions

FSIS issued Notice 48-07 on August 2 titled, *Export Library Revisions for July 2007*. This notice provides links to the export library revisions covering the month of July.

Notice 48-07 can be viewed on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FSISNotices/48-07.pdf>.

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The agency is accepting comments by e-mail to NACMPI@fsis.usda.gov.

The *Federal Register* notices

are available on FSIS' Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/index.asp.

FSIS Posts Second Quarterly Progress Report on *Salmonella* Testing of Raw Meat and Poultry Products

FSIS posted to its Web site on August 3, the second quarterly progress report on *Salmonella* testing of selected raw meat and poultry products. This report provides preliminary data for the months of April through June 2007.

In February 2006, FSIS posted in the *Federal Register* its intention to publish results quarterly and to change how it used the results from its *Salmonella* verification sampling program for meat and poultry establishments as

a way to enhance public health protection.

FSIS is now providing results from individual *Salmonella* verification sample tests the agency regularly conducts at meat and poultry establishments to establishments that have asked to be informed of various tests.

The quarterly report is available on FSIS' Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/data_collection_&reports/index.asp.

FSIS Assistant Administrator Named Food Hygiene Veterinarian of the Year

The American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians (AAFHV) has chosen Dr. Kenneth Petersen as its "Food Hygiene Veterinarian of the Year."

Since 1989, Petersen has worked for FSIS in positions of increasing responsibility culminating in his appointment in 2005 as Assistant

Administrator of the Office of Field Operations.

Dr. Candace Jacobs, president of AAFHV said, "Dr. Petersen's accomplishments have brought stature to his agency and the profession and we wanted to



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FSIS to Hold Web Seminar for Small and Very Small Plants

FSIS will hold a Web seminar on August 8 as part of its initiative to provide outreach to small and very small plants.

The seminar will cover the jerky compliance guidelines, and regulatory, practical and scientific approaches for processing safe jerky products. The seminar will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. Registrations will be accepted through August 3.

A seminar representative will contact persons who register to attend the week of the seminar with instructions on how to join the event.

To register by phone, call (800) 336-3747 or send an e-mail to OutreachTSC@fsis.usda.gov.

Online registration forms and information about upcoming Web seminars can be found at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Outreach_Sessions_SVS_Plants/index.asp.

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acknowledge his contributions that have significantly influenced food safety.”

Petersen is a member of numerous professional organizations and is a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Preventive

Medicine. He received his doctorate of veterinary medicine from the University of Illinois and a master’s of public health from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

OPPED Offices to Relocate

FSIS is relocating three Washington, D.C., Office of Policy, Program, and Employee Development offices from the Cotton Annex building to the South Building.

The Label Distribution Office will be relocated to Room 2542 South, and the docket and physical Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Reading Room will be relocated to Room 2534 South.

The current public offices at 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, D.C., will be temporarily closed on August 17, while records, equipment and furniture are being relocated and services are being re-established for the public.

The offices will re-open to the public on August 21, at 8:00 a.m., in their new South Building locations. Effective August 21, correspondence about label

applications sent by the U.S. Postal Service (including U.S. Priority Mail and U.S. Overnight Mail), and express mail not connected with the U.S. Postal Service, should be addressed as follows:

USDA, FSIS, OPPED, Room 2542 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250.

Inquiries or correspondence about label applications may be faxed to the Label Distribution Office or the Labeling Compliance Team at (202) 205-0145 or (202) 205-0271. Please provide a cover sheet indicating the reason for the fax. Label applications from small businesses will be accepted, provided the labeling is legible.

Call (202) 205-0623 or (202) 205-0279 with questions about labels or labeling.