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Interagency Working Group on Import Safety to Hold Public Meeting

The Presidential Interagency Working Group on Import Safety will hold a public meeting on Oct. 1 to explore actions that public and private stakeholders can take to promote the safety of imported products.

An action plan will be released by mid-November 2007 that will address feedback received from the public and recommend specific actions

the federal government and all stakeholders can take to enhance import safety on all levels.

The public meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the USDA Jefferson Auditorium, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington D.C.

The related news release is available at www.usda.gov/2007/08/0229.xml.

FSIS to Co-Host Public Meeting on *E. coli* Non-0157 STEC

FSIS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will hold a public meeting on Oct. 17.

The purpose of the meeting is to solicit input from academia, consumers, other public health and regulatory agencies and industry on the issue of whether non-O157:H7 Shiga toxin-

producing *E. coli* (STECs) should be considered to be adulterants as *E. coli* O157:H7.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the George Mason University, Arlington Campus, 3401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Va.

The agenda and other meeting materials will be posted on the FSIS Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/.

Export Requirement Updates

The Library of Export Requirements has been updated to reflect changes in export requirements for Bulgaria, Germany and Romania.

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