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Office of Food Safety and Food and Drug Administration to Hold Codex Public Meetings

USDA's Office of Food Safety (OFS) and the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will hold public meetings on November 9 and 14.

One public meeting will be held on November 9 to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions on food hygiene.

This information will be discussed at the Thirty-eighth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, which will be held from December 4-9, in Houston, Texas.

The public meeting will be held from 1-4 p.m., in the rear of the cafeteria in the USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20250.

For further information about this public meeting, contact Amjad

Ali, international issues analyst, FSIS at (202) 205-7760.

OFS and FDA will also hold a public meeting on November 14 to discuss agenda items coming before the Sixth Session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology (FBT) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The committee will also present draft U.S. positions on the agenda items. The Sixth Session of the FBT will be held from November 27 - December 1, in Chiba, Japan.

The public meeting will be held from 2 - 4 p.m., in Room 107-A, USDA, Jamie Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, D.C.

For further information about the November 14 public meeting, contact Edith Kennard, staff officer, FSIS, at (202) 720-5261, or by e-mail at edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov.

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Export Requirement Updates



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

Canada

European Union

People's Republic of China

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

FSIS to Co-Chair Symposium on Risk Analysis

FSIS will co-chair a symposium during the 2006 Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) annual meeting.

The theme of the meeting is “*Risk Analysis in a Dynamic World: Making a Difference.*”

The symposium will focus on modeling the attribution of foodborne illness in the United States and adaptation of a model for attributing human *Salmonellosis* to consumption of meat, poultry and eggs in the United States.

The SRA annual meeting brings together nearly 1,000 international scientists and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines who share an interest in risk analysis.

The annual meeting will feature several plenary sessions focused on the theme of making a difference and the role of risk analysis in a dynamic world.

It will also consist of technical sessions in the form of oral presentations, posters and poster-platforms.

The SRA meeting will be held from December 3 - 6, at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, 202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

For more information about the symposium, visit <http://birenheide.com/sra/2006AM/program/singleession.php3?sessid=M3-E>.

FSIS Revises Homeland Security Surveillance of Firms and Products in Commerce

FSIS issued Directive 5420.3, Revision 4 on October 31, titled, *Homeland Security Threat Condition Response - Surveillance of Firms and Products in Commerce*.

This directive provides procedures that FSIS' Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement and Review personnel should follow at non official establishments

when the Department of Homeland Security declares a threat condition yellow, orange or red.

The directive is available on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FSISDirectives/5420.3Rev4.pdf>.

FSIS Issues Notice on Elimination of Pizza with Meat or Sausage Standards

FSIS issued Notice 73-06 on November 1, to remind inspection program personnel that the sunset date for declaring the percentage of meat or poultry on pizza products containing meat or poultry was October 30. The notice also provides a copy of the new regulations.

This notice does not require inspection program personnel to perform any new activities.

Notice 73-06 is available on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FSISNotices/73-06.pdf>.

FSIS to Hold Regulatory Education Session for Small and Very Small Plants

FSIS will hold a regulatory education session on November 29, for the owners and operators of small and very small plants in Pennsylvania.

The session will cover a regulatory walk-through of sanitation standard operating procedures and the hazard analysis and critical control point and rules of practice regulations.

The regulatory education session will be held from 6:30-8:30

p.m. at the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center, 100 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

To register by phone, call (800) 336-3747.

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

Export Tip of the Week

FSIS Form 9060-5, *Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness*, should not be issued for product destined to U.S. territories.

Those territories are: American Samoa; Baker Island; Guam; Howland Island; Jarvis Island; Johnston Atoll; Kingman Reef; Midway Islands; Navassa; Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Palmyra Atoll; Puerto Rico; Virgin Islands of the United States and Wake Island.

For further information about U.S. territories, refer to following Web site at <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html> or for further information, contact FSIS' Office of International Affairs at (202)720-3473.

To subscribe to the Export Library, go to http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Requirements_EV_Countries/.