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## Upcoming Meetings on RBI in Processing

The agency held a food safety summit on attributing illness to food on April 5 at George Mason University in Arlington, Va. Sponsored by FSIS, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the food safety summit brought together scientific experts, consumer and industry representatives, and other public health stakeholders to determine what attribution data exists, how to improve attribution data, how to use attribution data more effectively and how to best share attribution data.

In its commitment to keep communication open and transparent, FSIS has scheduled a series of technical public meetings to address specific issues raised by stakeholders during the development of risk-based inspection in processing.

All of the meetings will be held in Room 244 of the George Mason University, Arlington Campus, 3401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Va. Stakeholders will also be able to participate via audio conference. Directions to

the site, phone-in information, an agenda and other meeting materials will be posted on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>.

The use of production volume data as a proxy for exposure is the topic for an April 25 meeting, while the use of industry data in the risk algorithm will be the focus of a meeting on April 30. Both meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The most current expert elicitation on inherent product risk will be completed this June and a public meeting will be scheduled shortly thereafter. Details of this meeting are still being finalized; look for more information on FSIS' Web site and in future issues of the *FSIS Constituent Update*.

Pre-registration for each meeting is encouraged. To register online, go to [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Meetings\\_&\\_Events/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Meetings_&_Events/index.asp), select the appropriate meeting and indicate whether you will attend onsite at George Mason University or participate by phone.

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## Export Requirement Updates



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

**Belize**

**Cuba**

**European Union**

**Hong Kong**

**Japan**

**Russia**

**Singapore**

**Taiwan**

Complete information can be found at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&\\_Policies/Export\\_Information/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Export_Information/index.asp).

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You may also register by contacting Sally Fernandez at (202) 690-6524, FAX (202) 690-6519, or e-mail to [sally.fernandez@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:sally.fernandez@fsis.usda.gov).

To access meeting materials, background information and reports in support of risk-based

inspection in processing, go to [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&\\_Policies/Risk\\_Based\\_Inspection/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Risk_Based_Inspection/index.asp).

Any changes in meeting dates or times will also be posted on the Web site as well as published in the *FSIS Constituent Update*.

## Register to Attend April Regulatory Education Sessions in New Jersey and Oklahoma

FSIS will hold regulatory education sessions on April 18 and 24 for the owners and operators of small and very small plants in New Jersey and Oklahoma.

The April 18 session will cover regulatory walk-through of sanitation performance standard regulations and food defense.

This session will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place Hotel, 515 Route One South, Iselin, N.J. 08830.

The April 24 session will cover a regulatory walk-through of

sanitation standard operating procedures, hazard analysis and critical control point and rules of practice regulations.

This session will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Norman, 1000 N. Interstate Drive, Norman, Okla. 73072.

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](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Outreach_Sessions_SVS_Plants/index.asp).

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