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Protecting Public Health Through Food Safety

Two New Workshops on *Listeria Monocytogenes* to be Offered

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) in cooperation with FSIS and FDA has announced that it will conduct two critical workshops as part of its Crisis Management Series, “*Intervention Strategies for the Control of Listeria Monocytogenes*”, Tuesday, October 4, 2005 and “*Product Recall*”, Wednesday and Thursday, October 5-6, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD.

Enrollment and hotel rooms are limited, advance registration is strongly encouraged. For more information visit AFDO at: www.afdo.org. You may also contact AFDO at: (717) 757-2888

Intervention Strategies for the Control of Listeria Monocytogenes. *Listeria monocytogenes* has become one of the most pertinent food safety issues of our time. During the past year, the AFDO has worked very closely with the FSIS, FDA/CFSAN, industry partners and academia to develop intervention strategies for dealing with this organism. AFDO, through Cooperative Agreements with FSIS, established work groups to evaluate State Food Safety Surveillance on *Listeria Monocytogenes* and to develop education and training materials. Now, AFDO is offering this training program for the purpose of providing new insight into current and suggested strategies for eliminating or controlling *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Product Recall. In the five years following 9/11, AFDO has been working very closely in conjunction with FDA/CFSAN, FSIS and with regulated industry and academia to develop a comprehensive Product Recall Manual. This information will be presented as part of a day-and-a-half Product Recall Workshop that combines informative speaker sessions with a series of “hands-on” event simulation exercises.

Export Requirement Updates

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

Argentina
Brazil
Canada
European Union
Uruguay

Complete information is available online at:
www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/



Revision to Sections of Recall Directive

FSIS Directive 8080.1, Rev. 4 Amendment 2 revises Sections X., *Effectiveness Checks* and XI. *Closure*, to FSIS Directive 8080.1, Revision 4. In the revised section X., new instructions are provided to the District Recall Officers (DROs) to ensure that effectiveness checks are conducted to adequately verify that product that is believed to be adulterated is removed from commerce during a recall. In the revised section XI., new instructions are provided to the Recall Management Staff (RMS) for that office to review certain information when an illness is associated with a recall. The change transmittal also issues a change on page 11 of Attachment 3, Recall Effectiveness Checks. For more information visit: www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/regulations_directives_&_notices/

Save the Date: FSIS Meeting on Pre-Harvest Control of Salmonella

FSIS will hold a public meeting on pre-harvest control of *Salmonella*. The meeting will be held at the Russell Research Center in Athens, Ga. on August 25-26. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

Reminder: Homeland Security Threat Condition Response -Food Defense Verification Procedures

FSIS released a new directive concerning food security threats and food defense on July 20, 2005. This directive details the emergency Food Defense Verification Procedures that inspection program personnel will follow when a threat condition of Yellow, Orange, or Red is declared by the Department of Homeland Security. Inspection program personnel should begin implementing these procedures only when instructed to do so by the District Manager (DM) or designee. In that event, inspection program personnel are to follow the instructions in this directive for the duration of the declared heightened threat condition. Because inspection program personnel are the first line of defense in food safety, they are in a unique position to witness and identify unusual situations such as food security issues. To read the directive in its entirety visit:

www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/5000_Series-Program_Services/

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