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# FSIS Constituent Update

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## Key Personnel Appointments Made at FSIS

On December 1, Agency Administrator Dr. Barbara Masters named William C. Smith as FSIS Assistant Administrator for the Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement and Review (OPEER) and Dr. Kenneth Petersen as FSIS Assistant Administrator for the Office of

Field Operations (OFO).

Masters also announced that Dr. Jane Roth will remain as deputy assistant administrator for OPEER and that Judy Riggins, currently an executive associate at OFO, will become the OFO deputy assistant administrator.

## IKE Preliminary Scenario Available Online

The Technical Service Center (TSC) has made the Preliminary IKE Scenario 06D-05, *Verification of Water Activity (a<sub>w</sub>) In Shelf Stable RTE Jerky Products*, available for comment.

in the *Compliance Guidelines for Meat And Poultry Jerky Produced By Small and Very Small Plants*, dated December 2004 and the *Compliance Guidelines to Control Listeria monocytogenes In Post-Lethality Exposed Ready-To-Eat Meat and Poultry Products*, dated October 2004.

This scenario provides clarification to Inspection Program Personnel regarding the acceptability of Water Activity (a<sub>w</sub>) criteria which are different from those addressed

The scenario can be viewed on the Interactive Knowledge Exchange (IKE) scenario

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## Export Requirement Updates



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

**Colombia**

**Cuba**

**European Union**

**Hungary**

**Nicaragua**

**Russia**

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

## ***IKE Comments...***

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comment page of FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS\\_Employees/IKE\\_Comment/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Employees/IKE_Comment/index.asp). Anyone with questions

regarding the IKE Scenario Comment Page can contact the TSC at (800) 233-3935, or by e-mail at [Ike@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Ike@fsis.usda.gov).

## **E-Mail Subscription Service Added to Several FSIS Web Pages**

Customers can now sign up for e-mail subscription service for the following pages on FSIS' Web site:

- Humane Interactive Knowledge Exchange (HIKE), [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS\\_Employees/HIKE/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Employees/HIKE/index.asp);
- Interactive Knowledge Exchange (IKE), [http://www.fsis.usda.gov?FSIS\\_Employees/IKE/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov?FSIS_Employees/IKE/index.asp);
- IKE Scenario Comment

Page, [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS\\_Employees/IKE\\_Comment/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Employees/IKE_Comment/index.asp);

- New Technologies, [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&\\_policies/New\\_Technologies/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/New_Technologies/index.asp).

These sites as well as other can be subscribed to through FSIS' e-mail subscription service. Sign up at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_&\\_events/Email\\_Subscription/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_&_events/Email_Subscription/index.asp).

## **Reminder for Public Amenability Meeting**

A public meeting to discuss possible changes to the jurisdiction over certain foods that contain meat and poultry will be held by FSIS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 15 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, Ill. Amenability is the only issue that will be discussed

at this meeting.

Seating is limited. Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to register in advance at [http://register.grad.usda.gov/conferences/fda/fda-fsis\\_reg\\_form.cfm](http://register.grad.usda.gov/conferences/fda/fda-fsis_reg_form.cfm).

Those who plan to attend and submit comments at the meeting are encouraged to notify FSIS at the time of registration.

## FSIS Gives Tips to Cook Holiday Meats

While the holiday season is often turkey time for many, FSIS is providing on its Web site information about preparing various other holiday meats.

The information includes tips for selecting and preparing beef, lamb, pork, veal and poultry, as well as wild game.

To find information regarding the safety of special holiday meats, visit FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact\\_Sheets/Roasting\\_Those\\_Other\\_Holiday\\_Meats/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Roasting_Those_Other_Holiday_Meats/index.asp).



## Puerto Rico Web Cast Reminder

The University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez will host a Web cast on December 9, 2005, to address food defense topics and concerns that affect the U.S. meat, poultry, egg product and import industry.

Viewers from across the country can login to [www.uprm.edu](http://www.uprm.edu) and watch a live interactive classroom Web cast of UPRM officials instructing Puerto Rico's FSIS inspectors, small and very small establishment owners, and industry representatives.

This Web cast is a result of an April 2005 announcement by Secretary Mike Johanns for meat, poultry and egg plants to adopt model food defense

plans and take training on how to strengthen security measures and prevent potential acts of intentional contamination. The food defense plans were created to guide the development and implementation of food defense plans for meat, poultry and egg processing facilities, import establishments and identification warehouses.

The Web cast is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on <http://www.uprm.edu/agricultura/iaaa/>. Registration information and materials about this upcoming Web cast may be found at: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&Events/Meetings\\_&Events/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&Events/Meetings_&Events/). For more information, contact Autumn Canaday at (202) 690-6408.

## Reminder for Bauman Award Nominations

FSIS is accepting nominations for the 2005 Howard E. Bauman award.

The award is the highest food safety honor presented by FSIS, and recognizes one or more individuals who have exhibited leadership and a longstanding commitment to improving food safety and protecting public health.

Nominees must be U.S. citizens and only one nomination per person or organization will be considered. Nominations for the award must be received no later than December 5.

The nomination form is available on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSISForms/4450-1.pdf>.