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# FSIS Constituent Update

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## Abstract Deadline for Upcoming Food Safety Education Conference Approaches

FSIS is accepting abstracts for oral presentations, poster sessions and educational exhibits for the 2006 Food Safety Education Conference, “Reaching At-Risk Audiences and Today’s Other Food Safety Challenges.”

The deadline for submitting abstracts is February 17. For information about submitting abstracts or attending the conference, visit FSIS’ Web site at [www.fsis.usda.gov/Denver2006](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Denver2006).

The conference will be held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colo., September 27 through September 29. The conference is sponsored by: FSIS; NSF International; the Food and Drug Administration; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; USDA’s Cooperative State Research, Education and Service; and NSF/World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Food Safety.

The conference will focus on educating general and at-risk populations such as pregnant women, children, older adults, immune-compromised patients and culturally diverse populations. The agency is accepting abstracts on evidence-based food safety initiatives that address an aspect of food safety education related to consumers or the foodservice industry related to one or more of the conference themes listed below:

- Foodborne Illness Surveillance and Epidemiological Insight
- Food Safety Behavioral and Attitudinal Research
- Social Marketing, Educational Interventions and Program Research
- Roles of Food Service and Food Industries
- New Technologies

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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**

**Hong Kong**

**Japan**

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

## Registration for *Salmonella* in Poultry Public Meeting

FSIS will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 23 and Friday, February 24 in Atlanta, Ga., to discuss post-harvest interventions to reduce *Salmonella* in poultry.

The meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, will be held at the Loudermilk Center, 40 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

Pre-registration for the public meeting is encouraged.

Registration will begin each day one-half hour before the start of the meeting.

The meeting will also be available via net conference. Net conference is available online for persons who are unable to attend. For more information regarding pre-registration and for net conference instructions, visit FSIS' Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&Events/Registration\\_022306\\_PostHarvest/index.asp#form](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&Events/Registration_022306_PostHarvest/index.asp#form).

## FSIS Issues Directive on Ten-Day Letter for Inactive Operations

FSIS issued Directive 5220.3 on February 7 to provide district managers or the deputy of operations of the import inspection division (IID) with information on how to respond to an establishment that is not operating and has not responded to district office inquiries regarding its operational status and intentions.

The directive titled, *Issuance of a Ten-Day Letter for Inactive*

*Operations*, provides district managers and IIDs with procedures for communicating with inactive establishments and provides instructions for recording an establishment's activity status in the Performance-Based Inspection System.

A copy of FSIS Directive 5220.3 is available on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FSISDirectives/5220-3.pdf>.

## IKE Preliminary Scenario Available Online

FSIS has made preliminary Interactive Knowledge Exchange (IKE) scenario 02D-06, *Condensation from Drip Pans – Verification of 9 CFR 416.2(d)*, available for comment through February 17.

This scenario provides inspection program personnel with a thought process for determining noncompliance when condensation occurs in an official establishment.

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## **FSIS E-mails more than Four Million Alerts**

FSIS' e-mail subscription service surpassed the four million mark on February 1 for alerts sent to subscribers. Industry, consumers, media, educators and agency employees rely on the public health and food safety information distributed by the service. The four million threshold is especially significant given the vital role played by public health communications.

Subscription options include newsletters, news releases, recalls, meat and poultry export information, and much more. Subscribers can customize their selections by adding or deleting items at any time. They also have the option to password protect their accounts.

Visit [www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_&\\_events/Email\\_Subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_&_events/Email_Subscription/) to sign up or obtain additional information.

## ***IKE Preliminary Scenario ...***

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The scenario can be viewed on 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).

If you have questions or comments regarding the preliminary IKE scenario, contact FSIS' Technical Service Center at (800) 233-3935, or by e-mail at [ike@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:ike@fsis.usda.gov).

## **FSIS Issues Rule on Ante-Mortem Inspection of Horses**

FSIS published an interim final rule on February 8 in the *Federal Register* titled, *Ante-Mortem Inspection of Horses*.

The rule announces that FSIS is establishing a voluntary fee-for-service program under which establishments that slaughter horses can continue to receive ante mortem inspection.

The interim rule will become effective on March 10. The

agency is accepting comments until March 9. Comments may be submitted through Federal eRulemaking at <http://www.regulations.gov> or by e-mail at [fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov).

This rule is available on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/05-036IF.htm>.

## **USDA and Health and Human Services to Hold Public Meeting to Address Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products**

USDA's Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety and USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), along with the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration, will hold a public meeting on agenda items and draft U.S. positions that will be discussed at the Seventh Session of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

The public meeting will be held on March 14 from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Room 2504 of the South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250. Pre-registration for the public meeting is required.

Agenda items may be accessed at [www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp](http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp). For further information about the public meeting or to pre-register, contact Susan Sausville, Assistant to the U.S. Delegate to the CCMMP, Chief Standardization Branch, AMS, by phone at (202) 720-7473, or by e-mail at [susan.sausville@usda.gov](mailto:susan.sausville@usda.gov).