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Protecting Public Health Through Food Safety

New Web Site Provides Reliable Information on Food Safety, Healthy Eating and Nutrition

FSIS is a proud participant in www.nutrition.gov, a new Web site designed to help people find answers to food safety and food related questions that was launched December 22, 2004. The site is a comprehensive source of information on food safety, nutrition and dietary guidance from multiple government agencies.

“Nutrition.gov is a web based resource that includes databases, recipes, interactive tools and specialized information for infants and children, adult women and men and seniors,” said Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman. The Web site also links to information on the Food Guide Pyramid, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, dietary supplements, fitness and how to keep food safe.

The Web site supports the President’s HealthierUS Initiative and expands on the food related information available on <http://healthierus.gov/> which includes pages on physical fitness, disease prevention and making healthy life choices.

Nutrition.gov features information by USDA, the Department of Health and Human Services and others. The Web site is maintained by a team of registered dietitians and nutrition information specialists at the Food and Nutrition Information Center of USDA’s National Agricultural Library (NAL). The team works in cooperation with scientists and professionals at USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service and Food and Nutrition Service, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other Federal partners.

Export Requirement Updates

The [Library of Export Requirements](#) has been updated to reflect changes in export requirements for the following:

Russia

United Arab Emirates

Complete information is available online at:

[www.fsis.usda.gov/
regulations/
Index_of_Import_Requirements
byCountry](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/Index_of_Import_Requirements_byCountry)



Comment Period for LM Interim Final Rule and Report Coming to a Close

Comments on the *Listeria monocytogenes* (LM) interim final rule and the report outlining its impact must be received by January 31, 2005.

Written comments may be submitted to the FSIS Docket Room, Reference Docket #04-032N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Any comments received will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be posted at www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRDockets.htm.

The complete report, entitled "Assessing the Effectiveness of the *Listeria monocytogenes* Interim Final Rule" is available on the FSIS Web site at: www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/RD_97-013F/ The complete rule entitled "Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products" available at: www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/97-013FE.htm.

Reminder: Public Meeting to Discuss Food Labeling Agenda Items

On January 19, 2005, a public meeting will be held to provide information and receive comments on agenda items to be discussed at the 33rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL) in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, May 9-13, 2004.

The public meeting will be held from 1-4 p.m. in the Auditorium, Room 1A-003, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Md. A complete agenda for the meeting can be found at www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp.

To submit comments or questions, contact the editor at:

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THIS WEEK'S HOT WEB LINKS

Codex Alimentarius Meetings

[www.fsis.usda.gov/
regulations/
Public_Meetings](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/Public_Meetings)

FSIS' New Technology Cooperative Agreements

[www.fsis.usda.gov/
regulations/
New_Technology_Agreements](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/New_Technology_Agreements)

FSIS' Science Guidebooks an Methods

[www.fsis.usda.gov/
science/
Guidebooks_&_Methods](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/science/Guidebooks_&_Methods)

