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Public Meeting to Address Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are holding a public meeting to receive comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions for the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission's Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses to be held November 21-25, in Bonn, Germany.

The public meeting will be held at the FDA on October 18 from 1 - 4 p.m., in the auditorium of the Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Md.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission's Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses was established to study specific nutritional problems; draft general provisions concerning the nutritional aspects of all foods; develop standards, guidelines or related information on foods for special dietary uses; and endorse provisions on nutritional aspects proposed for inclusion in Codex standards.

Interested parties must pre-register and present a photo ID at the door. To pre-register, send your name, organization, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address to nancy.crane@cfsan.fda.gov by October 11.

For further information about the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission's Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, contact Nancy Crane, Assistant to the U.S. Delegate to the Codex Committee, FDA, at (301) 436-1450 or by fax at (301) 436-2636. The interested parties are also welcome to submit their comments electronically to nancy.crane@cfsan.fda.gov. The agenda items and documents are also available electronically at www.codexalimentarius.net.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ellen Matten, U.S. Codex Office, at (202) 205-7760, or by fax at (202) 720-3157.

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Export Requirement Updates



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

Australia

Colombia

Singapore

Complete information can be found at: www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Export_Information/

Advances in Pre-Harvest Reduction of *Salmonella* in Poultry

FSIS will hold a public meeting August 25-26 in Athens, Ga. on the advances in pre-harvest reduction of *Salmonella* in poultry. The meeting will consist of presentations on research and practical experiences aimed at reducing *Salmonella* at the poultry production level, before poultry reaches federally inspected plants.

Topics will include: industry efforts to control *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella gallinarum* and *Salmonella pullorum*; current broiler and turkey pre-harvest production practices; breeders, layers and hatchery activities; probiotics and competitive exclusion; and interventions at poultry grow out.

The public meeting is scheduled for August 25, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and August 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Richard B. Russell Research Center, 950 College Station Rd., Athens, Ga., 30605.

To register, use the online registration form at: www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/meetings_&_events/ or call the automated pre-registration line at 1-(800)-485-4424. For more information, contact Dr. Alice Thaler at (202) 690-2687.

FSIS Seeking Comments on the Financial Impact of HACCP on Small and Very Small Plants

FSIS is seeking public comments on the financial impact of the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations on small and very small plants.

FSIS is conducting a review of the regulations established by the Pathogen Reduction/HACCP final rule under Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. These provisions require all federal agencies to review existing regulations that have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities to determine whether the impact can be minimized.

Small plants are defined as having between 10 and 499 employees and more than \$2.5 million in annual sales. Very small plants have fewer than 10 employees or less than \$2.5 million in annual sales.

All comments on this notice must be received on or before October 11, 2005. The comments will be posted at: www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Proposed_Rules_Index/.

**To submit comments or questions,
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