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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

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National School Lunch Program: Pilot Projects, Alternatives to Free and Reduced Price Application Requirements and Verification Procedures—Extension of Date for Submission of Applications

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of application date.

SUMMARY: On January 21, 2000, the Department issued a notice (65 FR 3409) announcing pilot projects which would permit selected school food authorities and State agencies to test alternatives to the application procedures and verification process for households participating in the National School Lunch Program. The January 21 notice advised interested parties that applications to conduct a pilot project must be postmarked no later than March 21, 2000. Subsequently, interested parties have advised the Department that the 60 days provided for submission of applications is not sufficient. This notice provides an additional 45 days by extending the date for submission of applications to the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department to May 5, 2000.

DATES: Applications to conduct a pilot project must be postmarked no later than May 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Matthew Sinn by telephone at (703) 305-2107 to request an application packet or in writing to Mr. Matthew Sinn, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, Room 503, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302; or electronically at matthew.sinn@fns.usda.gov. The application packet is also available at

the Food and Nutrition Service Web site, located at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/oane/>. The January 21, 2000 notice (65 FR 3409) announcing the pilot projects is available at the Food and Nutrition Service Web site, located at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/governance/verification.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (FR 65 FR 3409) on January 21, 2000, announcing pilot projects which would permit selected school food authorities and State agencies to test alternatives to the free and reduced price application procedures and verification process for households participating in the National School Lunch Program. The Department provided interested parties 60 days in which to submit an application to participate. Subsequent to issuance of the notice, interested parties indicated that the 60-day submission period, ending March 21, 2000, does not provide sufficient time to develop an application.

The Department is eager to ensure that interested parties have sufficient time to develop and submit an application. To achieve this end, the Department will continue to receive applications postmarked no later than May 5, 2000.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-045N3]

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00N-0504]

Egg Safety Action Plan; Public Meetings

AGENCIES: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are announcing two joint public meetings to solicit and discuss information for reducing or eliminating the risk of *Salmonella Enteritidis* (SE) in shell eggs and egg products using a farm-to-table approach. The current status of the Egg Safety Action Plan also will be discussed.

DATES: The first meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Columbus, Ohio. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Sacramento, California. Comments must be submitted no later than April 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Columbus at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 350 North High St., Columbus, OH 43215. Telephone: 614-463-1234. The second meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the California Department of Food and Agriculture Building, 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: 916-654-0561.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For registration for the Columbus, OH meeting: Linda Russell, FSIS, 202-501-7249 or FAX 202-501-7615.

For registration for the Sacramento, CA meeting: Mary Harris, FSIS, 202-501-7315 or FAX 202-501-7615. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Russell or Ms. Harris 1 week before the meeting.

For general information regarding either meeting: Nancy Bufano, FDA, 202-401-2022, FAX 202-205-4422, or e-mail: nbufano@bangate.fda.gov; Alice Thaler, FSIS, 202-690-2683, FAX 202-720-8213; or Martha Workman, FSIS, 202-720-3219, FAX 202-690-0824.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Information Solicitation

The President's Council on Food Safety was established in August 1998 to improve the safety of the food supply through science-based regulation and well-coordinated inspection, enforcement, research, and education programs. The Council on Food Safety was charged with developing a