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# FSIS Constituent Update

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## Office of Food Safety/FDA to Hold Codex Public Meeting

FSIS published a *Federal Register* notice Aug. 8 titled *Codex Alimentarius Commission: Seventh Session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology*.

This notice announces that USDA's Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety and the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration will hold a public meeting Sept. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m., in Room 0161 South Agriculture Building (Basement), 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, D.C.

The agencies will discuss the agenda items coming before the 7th Session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology (FBT) and present draft U.S. positions on the agenda items. The 7th Session of the FBT will be held Sept. 24-28 in Chiba, Japan.

The notice is available on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/2007-0025.htm>.

## NACMCF Subcommittee to Hold Public Meetings

The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) subcommittee on the Assessment of the Food Safety Importance of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis* will hold public

meetings Aug. 21-23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to continue discussions toward determining the potential for transmission

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## Export Requirement Updates



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

**Chile**

**People's Republic of China**

**Philippines**

**Thailand**

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

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of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*, a suspect causative agent for Crohn's Disease, via foods, and the importance of this organism as a food safety concern.

The meetings will be held at the Aerospace Building, 901 D St., SW., Room 369, Washington, D.C.

To register, contact Sharon Oatman at (202) 690-6556 or [Sharon.Oatman@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Sharon.Oatman@fsis.usda.gov).

For security reasons, all persons wishing to attend must register in advance.

## **FSIS Issues Notice on Food Safety Assessments**

FSIS issued Notice 49-07 on Aug. 8 titled *Conducting Food Safety Assessments Related to the Control of Salmonella*.

This notice addresses food safety assessments (FSAs) that are conducted to analyze an establishment's control of *Salmonella*. FSAs generally assess all aspects of an establishment's food safety system (see FSIS Directive 5100.1, *Enforcement, Investigations, and Analysis Officer (EIAO) Comprehensive Food Safety Assessment Methodology*).

This notice provides specified methodologies that FSIS personnel should use when

evaluating control of *Salmonella* in poultry slaughter operations. Some strains of *Salmonella* have been particularly associated with human illnesses. Therefore, control of this pathogen is necessary to ensure the safety of poultry. Enforcement, investigations, and analysis officers should assess whether poultry slaughter establishments have designed their food safety systems to control, and thereby minimize, the presence of *Salmonella*.

Notice 49-07 can be viewed on FSIS' Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FSISNotices/49-07.pdf>.