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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 308, 310, 318, 320, 325, 326, 327 and 381

[Docket No. 95-013N]

Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems—Notice of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public hearing to accept oral comments from the public in response to FSIS's February 3, 1995, proposal titled "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) System".

DATES: May 30-31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Georgetown University Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Elane, Director, Quality Services Staff, or Dan Vitiello, Director, Planning and Coordination Unit, Planning Office, Policy, Evaluation and Planning Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, (202) 501-7136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 3, 1995, FSIS published a proposed rule "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems" (60 FR 6774). In that document, the Agency proposed a number of regulatory changes applicable to Federal- and State-inspected meat and poultry establishments. The proposed changes are designed to reduce the occurrence and numbers of pathogenic microorganisms in meat and poultry products, thereby reducing the incidence of foodborne illness associated with the consumption of these products.

On February 27, 1995, FSIS announced a series of outreach activities to assist the public in understanding the proposed rule and in providing comments on the proposed rule. In that notice, FSIS announced its intention to hold a two-day public hearing for those commenters who wish to submit oral comments.

This notice announces the hearing which will be held on May 30-31, 1995, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The hearing will be held at the Georgetown University Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington, DC. The hearing will be conducted as follows:

Those persons wishing to present oral comments and/or address the panel should contact the Planning Office at (202) 501-7136 as soon as possible to reserve a time slot. Speaking times will be scheduled on a first-come basis as calls are received by the Planning Office. (Speakers will be scheduled for the morning or afternoon of the first day and the morning and part of the afternoon of the second day.)

A panel consisting of Michael R. Taylor, Administrator, FSIS, Thomas Billy, Associate Administrator, FSIS, Robert Buchanan, Deputy Administrator, Science and Technology, FSIS, and Glenn Morris, Director, Epidemiology and Emergency Response Program, FSIS, will accept oral comments from the public. Presentation of oral comments will begin after brief opening remarks by one or more of the panelists. Oral comments will be limited to 10 minutes per commenter (7 minutes for the comment; 2-3 minutes for questions and followup by the panelists.) The last 2 hours of the second day will be devoted to additional comments from attendees. Interested persons will have 5 minutes to address the panel.

Oral comments may also be provided to FSIS by contacting the persons listed in the proposed rule. Written comments should be directed to the FSIS Docket Clerk at the address given in the proposed rule.

Done at Washington, DC, on: April 27, 1995.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 122

Business Loans—Microloans

AGENCY: Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Section 7(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)) (Act) authorizes the SBA to operate a microloan demonstration program. Under this program, the SBA lends funds to qualified intermediaries which re-lend amounts of \$25,000 or less to eligible small business concerns. Under this proposed rule, an intermediary would be allowed to operate across State lines with the written approval of the SBA Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance if that person makes a determination that it would be in the best interest of the small business community to allow such intermediary to operate in more than one State.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before June 5, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John R. Cox, Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John R. Cox, 202/205-6490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7(m) of the Act authorizes the SBA to undertake a microloan demonstration program in which the SBA lends funds to authorized intermediaries which re-lend amounts up through \$25,000 to eligible small business concerns.

At the present time, section 122.61-11(a) of SBA's regulations (13 CFR 122.61-11(a)) provides that " * * * no intermediary may undertake Program activities in more than one State." Since section 7(m) of the Act does not prohibit a microloan intermediary from conducting its operations in more than one State, SBA believes that the present regulatory provision is too broad. Circumstances may occur when it would be in the best interest of a small business community to authorize a microloan intermediary to operate across State lines, and this proposed regulation would allow the SBA Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance to make a determination in that regard.