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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-017N]

#### FLD Policy Memoranda; Semi-Annual Listing

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document lists and makes available to the public memoranda which were issued by the Food Labeling Division (FLD), Regulatory Programs, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). These memoranda contain significant new applications or interpretations of the

Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, the regulations promulgated thereunder, or departmental policy concerning labeling.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheryl Wade, Director, Food Labeling Division, Regulatory Programs, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 254-2590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 7 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 607 *et seq.*) and section 8 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 457 *et seq.*), and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 CFR 301.1 *et seq.* and 9 CFR 381.1 *et seq.*), meat and poultry products which do not bear approved labels or other labeling may not be distributed in commerce for use as human food. Accordingly, FSIS conducts a prior approval program for labels or other labeling (specified in 9 CFR 317.4, 317.5, 381.132 and 381.134) to be used on or in conjunction with federally inspected meat and poultry products.

FSIS's prior labeling approval program is conducted by labeling

review experts within FLD. A variety of factors, such as continuing technological innovations in food processing and expanded public concern regarding the presence of various substances in foods, has generated a series of increasingly complex issues which FLD must resolve as part of the prior labeling approval process. In interpreting the Acts and regulations to resolve these issues, FLD may modify its policies on labeling or develop new ones.

Significant or novel interpretations or determinations made by FLD are issued as policy memoranda. This notice lists five FLD policy memoranda which were issued during the period of October 1, 1994, through April 1, 1995.

Persons interested in obtaining copies of the FLD policy memoranda or in being included on a list for automatic distribution of future FLD policy memoranda may write to: Printing and Distribution Section, Paperwork Management Branch, Administrative Services Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, or call (202) 720-4661; fax (202) 720-5400.

Memo No.	Title and date	Issue	Reference
066C ....	Uncooked Red Meat Products Containing Added Substances, November 30, 1994.	What are the policies for labeling uncooked (both cured and uncured) red meat products that weigh more than the weight of the fresh article?	(Supersedes Policy Memo 066B); 9 CFR 318.7(c)(4); Policy Memo 087A; 9 CFR 319.101 and 102; 9 CFR 319.104 and 105; FSIS Directive 7110.2 (Rev. 1); Policy Memo 084A; 9 CFR 317.2 (b); Policy Memo 081A.
084A ....	Cooked Red Meat Products Containing Added Substances, November 30, 1994.	What are the policies for labeling cooked corned (cured) beef products, and cooked cured pork products not addressed by the cured pork products regulation (9 CFR 319.104), and cooked uncured products that weigh more than the weight of the fresh uncured article?.	(Supersedes Policy Memo 084); 9 CFR 319.104(b); Policy Memo 087A and Policy Memo 109; Policy Memo 066C; 9 CFR 317.2(b).
121B ....	Labeling of Modified, Substitute Versions of Fresh (Species) Sausage, Hamburger, or Ground Beef Products With Added Ingredients Used to Replace Fat That Qualify for Use of Certain Nutrient Content Claims Associated With a Reduction in Fat Content, January 20, 1995.	How should modified, substitute versions of fresh (species) sausage (e.g., fresh pork sausage, fresh beef sausage) ground beef, or hamburger products containing added ingredients used to replace fat be identified, and what other requirements are necessary to obtain label approval and use of final labels?	(Supersedes Policy Memo 121A); 9 CFR 317.2(j)(1); 9 CFR 319.141, 319.142, and 319.15; 9 CFR 318.7(c)(4); 9 CFR 317.362; 21 CFR 130.10; Policy Memo 123 and 9 CFR 317.2(b).

Memo No.	Title and date	Issue	Reference
123 .....	Modified Breakfast Sausage, Cooked Sausage, and Fermented Sausage Products Identified by a Nutrient Content Claim and a Standardized or Traditional Name, January 20, 1995.	How should modified, substitute versions of breakfast sausage, cooked sausages (e.g., frankfurters), and fermented sausages (e.g., pepperoni) that are defined by regulatory standards in 9 CFR Parts 319 and/or in the Standards and Labeling Policy Book be identified when containing added ingredients used to replace fat; and, what requirements must be met to obtain approval and use of final labels?	9 CFR 317; 9 CFR 381; 9 CFR 318.7(c)(4) and 381.147(f)(4); 21 CFR 130.10; Policy Memo 121B and Policy Memo 069.
124 .....	Declaration of Net Quantity of Contents on Combination Packages Containing Liquid and Solid Products, January 17, 1995.	What are the Net Contents Labeling Requirements for Combination Packages Which Contain Both Liquid and Solid Products?	9 CFR 317.2(h) and 381.121; National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 130.

The FLD policies specified in these memoranda will be uniformly applied to all relevant labeling applications unless modified by future memoranda or more formal Agency actions. Applicants retain all rights of appeal regarding decisions based upon these memoranda.

Done at Washington, DC, on May 24, 1995.

**Cheryl Wade,**

*Director, Food Labeling Division, Regulatory Programs Food Safety and Inspection Service.*

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[Docket No. 95-027N]

**National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Subcommittee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods' Subcommittee on Codex will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 1995, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday, June 15, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 614, 300 12th Street, SW., 12th and C Street SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Marvin A. Norcross, U.S. Coordinator for Codex Alimentarius, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 311, West End Court, Washington, DC 20250-3700, telephone (202) 254-2517; fax (202) 254-2530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Codex Alimentarius Food Standards Programme has asked the International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods (ICMSF) to develop a document on general principles for the establishment and

application of microbiological criteria for foods. The ICMSF has drafted a document titled "Principles for Establishment and Application of Microbiological Specifications for Foods." In April 1995, the U.S. Delegate to the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene asked the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) to critique the ICMSF draft document.

The Subcommittee's work is under the auspices of the full Committee, which provides advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of Agriculture, and Health and Human Services concerning the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed, including criteria pertaining to microorganisms that indicate whether food has been processed using food manufacturing processes.

The Subcommittee meeting is open to the public on a space available basis. Interested persons may file comments prior to and following the meeting. Comments should be addressed to: Mr. Craig Fedchock, Advisory Committee Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 311, West End Court Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700. To receive copies of the background materials, including the ICMSF draft document, contact Mr. Fedchock on (202) 254-2517. Background materials may also be inspected in the Docket Clerk's Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4352, South Agriculture Building, 14th Street & Independence Ave., SW., Washington DC 20250-3700.

Done at Washington, DC, on May 26, 1995.

**Michael R. Taylor,**

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**Forest Service**

**Newspapers To Be Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions and Publication of Notice on Proposed Actions for Southern Region; Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, West Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Deciding Officers in the Southern Region will publish notice of decisions subject to administrative appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR 215.5(a) and 217.5(d), the public shall be advised, through **Federal Register** notice, of the principal newspaper to be utilized for publishing legal notices of decisions. Newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice of decisions to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision.

In addition, Responsible Officials in the Southern Region will also publish notice of proposed actions under 36 CFR part 215 in the newspapers that are listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR 215.5(a), the public shall be advised, through **Federal Register** notice, of the principal newspapers to