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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-046N]

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N-0322]

#### Technical Meeting on Shell Eggs and Egg Products Risk Assessment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are holding a joint technical meeting to present and solicit data necessary to create a risk assessment for shell eggs and egg products. The meeting will focus on the information concerning the parameter values for a risk assessment of *Salmonella enteritidis* in shell eggs and egg products; consumer preparation and consumption patterns of these products; human illness linked to shell eggs and egg products; and potential intervention strategies at various points along the shell egg and egg product production chain.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., September 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Ellipse Conference Center at Ballston, in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Building, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Traci Phebus at (202) 501-7138, FAX (202) 501-7642, or E-mail to

Confer@USDA.GOV. Participants may reserve a 5-minute public comment period when they register. Space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Technical papers will be accepted and made part of the official record. They should be sent to Ms. Mary Harris, FSIS, Planning Office, 6904 Franklin Court Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Copies of a draft report, "Parameter Values for a Risk Assessment of *Salmonella enteritidis* in Shell Eggs and Egg Products," will be available after August 18. To receive a copy, contact Ms. Harris at (202) 501-7315. Copies also will be available from the following: FSIS at <http://www.usda.gov/fsis>. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Harris at the above telephone or FAX (202) 501-7642 by August 25, 1997.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Salmonella enteritidis* (SE) is one of the leading causes of foodborne illness in the United States, with an estimated 1.8 to 2.5 million cases each year. USDA's Economic Research Service estimates that medical costs, loss of productivity, and loss of life associated with salmonellosis range from \$0.6 to \$3.5 billion annually. Further, *Salmonella enteritidis* has been one of the most frequently implicated strains of *Salmonella* since the mid 1980's and currently accounts for more than a quarter of all isolates reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. USDA and FDA, therefore, believe it is important to evaluate the risk of foodborne illness from SE from the consumption of eggs and egg products and to begin to identify intervention options that are most effective in reducing the public health risk in a cost-effective manner.

USDA and FDA are conducting a chick-to-table quantitative risk assessment for shell eggs and egg products to establish the unmitigated risk of foodborne illness with emphasis on *Salmonella enteritidis*, evaluate various risk mitigation strategies, identify data needs and prioritize future data collection efforts.

FSIS and FDA share Federal jurisdiction over the safety of eggs and egg products and wish to identify actions they might take themselves, or in concert with other Agencies, organizations, or persons, to decrease

the food safety risks associated with shell eggs and egg products. Alternatives under consideration include guidance, cooperative programs, market-based solutions, and regulations. The Agencies are particularly interested in mitigations that have been successful in marketing channels and the costs of those mitigations.

Done at Washington, DC, on: August 13, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-122-822]

#### Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Canada: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 19, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Johnston, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3793.

#### Scope of This Review

The merchandise under review is certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products. Although the *Hamonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS) subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

These products include flat-rolled carbon steel products, of rectangular shape, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other