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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of National Genetic Resources Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Research Service, USDA, announces a meeting of the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Genetic Resources Advisory Council consists of 16 members to provide advice to the Secretary and Director regarding the advancement of the USDA's National Genetic Resources Program. The meeting will discuss matters concerning the germplasm banks and the food genome initiative among other matters.

TIMES AND DATES: September 29, 1998, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; September 30, 1998, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Room 3109, USDA South Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open to the public. Persons may participate in the meeting as time and space permit.

COMMENTS: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry L. Shands, Director, National Genetic Resources Program, Room 323–A Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–0300. Telephone 202–205–7835, Fax 202–690–1434.

Done at Washington, DC on this 17th Day of July 1998.

Henry L. Shands,

Assistant Administrator for Genetic Resources, USDA–ARS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98–044N]

Exemption for Retail Stores; Adjustment for Dollar Limitations

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has increased the limitation on annual sales of meat and poultry products by retail stores whose operations are exempt from Federal inspection. The dollar limitation for poultry products has been increased from \$37,900 to \$39,000 for calendar year 1998. The dollar limitation for meat products has been increased from \$40,300 to \$41,000 for calendar year 1998. These increases conform with price changes for meat and poultry products indicated by the Consumer Price Index.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia F. Stolfa, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of Policy, Program Development, and Evaluation, FSIS, at (202) 205–0699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in 9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d), FSIS exempts certain operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores from routine Federal inspection of meat and poultry products. Whether a retail store operation qualifies for an exemption depends, in part, on the percentage and volume of trade in meat and poultry products that a retail store conducts with non-household consumers (hotels, restaurants, or similar institutions). The regulations state in dollars the annual maximum amount of meat and poultry products that a retail store may sell to non-household consumers if that store's

operations are to remain exempt from inspection.

FSIS adjusts the dollar limitation during the first quarter of each calendar year if the Consumer Price Index, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicates at least a \$500 increase or decrease in the price of the same volume of product during the previous year. FSIS publishes a notice of the adjusted dollar limitation in the **Federal Register**.

The Consumer Price Index for 1997 indicates an average annual price increase in meat products of 1.7 percent and an average annual price increase in poultry products of 2.8 percent. When rounded off to the nearest \$100, the price increase for meat products amounts to \$700 and the price increase for poultry products amounts to \$1,100. Prices of meat and poultry, therefore, have changed in excess of \$500. In accordance with §§ 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations, FSIS has increased the dollar limitation of permitted sales of meat products from \$40,300 to \$41,000 and raised the dollar limitation of permitted sales for poultry products from \$37,900 to \$39,000.

Done in Washington, DC, on: July 28, 1998.

Thomas J. Billy,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98–042N]

Meeting on Surviving in a HACCP World

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is co-sponsoring, with the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) and the Livestock Conservation Institute's Education Fund for Animal Agriculture (LCI), three one-day workshops on "Surviving in a HACCP World." This notice provides information of the dates and locations of these workshops.