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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Docket No. 98-049N]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection will be meeting to consider five new issues: (1) Revisions to Meat, Poultry, and Related Laws; (2) Equivalency of Foreign Inspection Programs; (3) Animal Production Food Safety; (4) Review of the FSIS Budget and User Fees; and (5) Consumer Education. All interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments and suggestions on these issues and others the Committee might consider.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 4 and 5, 1998. The full Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 4 and 5. Subcommittees will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on November 4 to continue work on issues discussed during the full Committee meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quality Hotel & Suites, Courthouse Plaza, 1200 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201; telephone (703) 524-4000. Submit written comments on the discussion topic to the FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 98-049N, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. The comments and official transcript of the meeting will be kept in the Docket Clerk's office when they become available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Micchelli at (202) 720-6269, by FAX at (202) 690-1030 or E-mail to Michael.Micchelli@usda.gov. A

schedule for discussion of each of the topics is available on the FSIS Homepage at <http://www.usda.gov/agency/fsis/homepage.htm>. This schedule also is available by FAST FAX, FSIS' automated FAX retrieval system, at (800) 238-8281 or (202) 690-3754. The reference number to access FAST FAX is 4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 12, 1997, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on Federal and State meat and poultry programs pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act. The Committee has three standing subcommittees to deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations through the whole Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture. The FSIS Administrator is the Committee Chair. Committee membership is drawn from representatives of consumer groups, producers, processors, and marketers from the meat and poultry industry and State government officials. The current members of the Committee are:

Dr. Deloran M. Allen, Excel Corporation
 Dr. William L. Brown, ABC Research Corporation
 Terry Burkhardt, Wisconsin Bureau of Meat Safety and Inspection
 Caroline Smith-DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest
 Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority
 Michael J. Gregory, Tyson's Foods Inc.
 Dr. Cheryl Hall, Zacky Farms, Inc.
 Dr. Margaret Hardin, National Pork Producers
 Alan Janzen, Circle Five Feedyards, Inc.
 Dr. Daniel E. LaFontaine, South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department
 Dr. Dale Morse, New York Office of Public Health
 Rosemary Mucklow, National Meat Association
 William Rosser, Texas Department of Public Health
 J. Myron Stolfus, Stolfus Meats
 Dr. David M. Theno, Jr., Foodmaker Inc.

The meeting is open to the public on a space-available, first-come basis. Registration is required and will take place at the meeting. Pre-registration is not required. Interested persons are

encouraged to comment on the discussion issues and to file written comments.

Done in Washington, DC, on: September 1, 1998.

Thomas J. Billy,
 Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Docket No. 98-051N]

HACCP Implementation for Small Plants; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding two public meetings in September to discuss ways to help owners and managers of small plants prepare for the HACCP implementation date of January 25, 1999. The meetings will give all stakeholders an opportunity to hear what is currently being done to help small plants and to discuss additional ways of ensuring that small plants receive the assistance they need to make the timely transition to HACCP. In addition to the September meetings, FSIS will hold eight meetings in October, six meetings in November, and two meetings in December at various locations throughout the country in preparation for the 1999 implementation date for small plants.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 19 and September 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The September 19 meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Raleigh, NC, at the Ramada Inn/Blue Ridge, 1500 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607; telephone (919) 832-4100. The September 26 meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in College Park, MD, at the Holiday Inn College Park, 10000 Baltimore Blvd., College Park, MD 20740; telephone (301) 345-6700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Sheila Johnson of the FSIS Planning Staff at (202) 501-7138 or by FAX at (202) 501-7642. If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is required, please contact Ms. Johnson as soon as possible.