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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00N-0914]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval; Electronic Importer's Entry Notice

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled "Electronic Importer's Entry Notice" has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JonnaLynn P. Capezzuto, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the *Federal Register* of June 29, 2000 (65 FR 40100), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0046. The approval expires on August 31, 2003. A copy of the supporting statement for this information collection is available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets>.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00N-1460]

Salmonella Enteritidis Research Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in cooperation with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture is announcing a public meeting to assess the current status of scientific research required to make decisions about *Salmonella* Enteritidis (SE) in egg preventative controls, surveillance, and education based on the Egg Safety Action Plan (Objective 7). This public meeting will provide an opportunity to identify the existing primary research gaps and what mechanism should be used to address such research gaps (e.g., awarding of competitive research grants, targeted contracting of research).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, September 8, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration and written notices of participation will be accepted beginning August 23, 2000. Submit written comments no later than October 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1325 Virginia Ave., Atlanta, GA.

Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. You may also send comments to the Dockets Management Branch at the following e-mail address: FDADockets@oc.fda.gov or on the FDA website at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/comments/commentdocket.cfm>. Transcripts and summaries of the meeting will be available for examination at the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *To register for the meeting:* Wendy S. Buckler, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-300), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-2923, FAX 202-205-4422 or e-mail: wendy.buckler@cfsan.fda.gov. When registering please provide name, title,

firm name, address, telephone, and fax number. When registering, please indicate if you would like to make a presentation during the meeting. Time allotted for each presentation will be approximately 5 minutes for each participant, but will depend on the number of people participating.

There is no registration fee for this public meeting, but advance registration is suggested. Interested persons are encouraged to register early because space may be limited.

For general information regarding the meeting or the Egg Safety Action Plan: Robert E. Brackett, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-300), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4064, FAX 202-205-4422 or e-mail: robert.brackett@cfsan.fda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The President's Council on Food Safety issued a directive entitled "Egg Safety from Production to Consumption: An Action Plan to Eliminate Salmonella Enteritidis Illness Due to Eggs" (Egg Safety Action Plan) to address this public health issue. A primary objective of the Egg Safety Action Plan is to promote research that will help eliminate SE illnesses associated with consumption of eggs by the year 2010. The purpose of this public meeting is to assess the current status of scientific research as specified in Objective 7 of the Egg Safety Action Plan. All discussion and presentations will focus on one or more of the items outlined in this objective. Objective 7 from the Egg Safety Action Plan states:

Objective 7:

Ensure adequate, current information is available to make decisions about SE preventive controls, surveillance, and education based on sound science.

7.1. Conduct research to develop and evaluate on-farm intervention strategies or technologies, including:

7.1.1. Forced molting and other stress factors

7.1.2. Vaccines and immunomodulators

7.1.3. Competitive exclusion

7.1.4. Ion air scrubbers in hatcheries

Timeline: By Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

7.2. Conduct research to provide additional information about commercial processing technologies and practices

7.2.1. In-shell pasteurization of eggs

7.2.2. Rapid cooling before and after processing

7.2.3. Continuous rewashing

7.2.4. Repackaging