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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 1999N-1168]

#### Listeria Monocytogenes Risk Management Action Plan; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing the availability of a *Listeria monocytogenes* risk management action plan. The action plan identifies activities planned by FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that are targeted to reduce *L. monocytogenes* associated with illnesses; these activities are intended to help achieve the Healthy People 2010 goal of reducing listeriosis by 50 percent by the year 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written requests for single copies of the risk management action plan entitled "Reducing the Risk of *Listeria Monocytogenes* FDA/CDC 2003 Update of the Listeria Action Plan" to John Kvenberg, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Send one self-adhesive label with your address to assist that office in processing your request. You also may request a copy of the risk management action plan by faxing your name and mailing address with the name of the document you are requesting to the CFSAN Outreach and Information Center at 1-877-366-3322. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to these documents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Kvenberg, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-600), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD, 20740, 301-436-2359.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001 (67 FR 5515), FDA, in cooperation with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and in consultation with CDC of HHS, announced the availability

of two documents on these topics: (1) A draft risk assessment on the relationship between foodborne *L. monocytogenes* and human health that considers categories of ready-to-eat food and (2) a proposed risk management action plan that considered the draft *L. monocytogenes* risk assessment. The action plan articulated how FDA, FSIS, and CDC intended to achieve the Healthy People 2010 goal of reducing *L. monocytogenes* illness by 50 percent. FDA, FSIS, and CDC held a public meeting on March 19, 2001 (66 FR 13544), to receive comments on the technical aspects of the draft risk assessment and the draft action plan. Interested persons were given until March 20, 2001, with extensions to May 21, 2001, and to July 18, 2001, to comment on the documents. The risk assessment has been revised in response to the public comments, newly available data, and updated modeling techniques; and it was made available to the public on October 24, 2003 (68 FR 61006).

##### II. Risk Management Action Plan

The updated risk management action plan outlines the actions that FDA and CDC plan to undertake to reduce *L. monocytogenes* illness from ready-to-eat foods. These planned actions are structured according to the food categories used in the risk assessment as either warranting additional measures to reduce *L. monocytogenes* contamination or warranting collection of additional data.

The action plan contains these six action areas:

- Guidance for processors, retailers, food service operations, and institutional establishments;
- Training and technical assistance;
- Consumer and health care provider information and education;
- Enforcement and regulatory strategies;
- Disease surveillance and outbreak response; and
- Research needs.

A public meeting to present the revised risk assessment and the action plan has been scheduled for December 4, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (see 68 FR 63108 for details). The meeting will be held at the FDA/CFSAN Harvey W. Wiley Building, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740.

##### III. Review of Document

The risk management action plan may be reviewed at the FDA Division of Dockets Management (Docket No. 1999N-1168), 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

##### IV. Electronic Access

The risk management action plan is available electronically at <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov> and [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part M of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services as amended most recently at 68 FR 45264, August 1, 2003, is amended to: revise the functional statements for the Office of the Administrator (OA); and the Office of Policy, Planning and Budget (OPPB) within the Office of the Administrator, and reflect changes in the Division structure within OPPB; and to also revise the functional statements for the Office of Program Services (OPS), and reflect changes in the Division structure within OPS. These organizational changes will more effectively align budget, planning, and administrative functions; achieve further delayering by restructuring certain divisions, abolishing subordinate branch structures, and reducing the number of supervisory positions; and allow SAMHSA to more effectively use its resources and deploy additional positions to mission support activities. The changes are as follows:

*Section M.20, Functions* is amended as follows:

(A) The functional statements for the Office of the Administrator (MA), the Office of Policy, Planning and Budget (MAC) and the prior Division of Policy Coordination (MAC-1) and Division of Planning and Budget (MAC-2) are replaced with the following:

##### Office of the Administrator (MA)

The Administrator is responsible to the Secretary for managing and directing SAMHSA. The office functions are as follows: (1) Provides leadership in the development of agency policies and programs; (2) maintains liaison with the Office of the Secretary on matters related to program and other activities;