March 10, 2010, 8 a.m. to March 11, 2010, 6 p.m., Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814 which was published in the Federal Register on February 1, 2010, 75 FR 5093.

This FRN amends the dates of the meeting to May 10–11, 2010. The meeting is closed to the public.


Jennifer Spaeth, Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health
Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) 2010–2014 Strategic Plan


The ODS strategic plan was developed after more than a year’s worth of reflection on its programs, activities, and accomplishments, as well as anticipated challenges for the future. It was also shaped by the thoughtful input, comments, and advice received from ODS stakeholder communities throughout the federal government, academia, the dietary supplement industry, consumer advocacy and education groups, and interested consumers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The mission of the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) is to strengthen knowledge and understanding of dietary supplements by evaluating scientific information, stimulating and supporting research on dietary supplements, disseminating research results, and educating the public to foster an enhanced quality of life and health for the U.S. population. ODS was established in the Office of the Director, NIH in 1995 as a major provision of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA).


Paul M. Coates, Director, Office of Dietary Supplements, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2010–N–0104]

Measuring Progress on Food Safety: Current Status and Future Directions; Public Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public workshop entitled Measuring Progress on Food Safety: Current Status and Future Directions. The purpose of the public workshop is to inform the public about current and potential measurements for assessing progress in food safety and associated methodologic and data challenges involved in the development of feasible and effective food safety metrics. The agencies will engage the food safety expert and stakeholder communities to discuss this subject through a series of public workshops.

I. Background

FDA and FSIS base decisions about policies and other interventions related to food safety, in part, on CDC’s analyses of data on foodborne illness. These analyses are powerful tools for assessing the safety of food, which, in turn, reflects the effectiveness of Government and industry policies and interventions. The President’s Food Safety Working Group has noted the importance of assessing metrics (Ref. 1). Through its epidemiologic and laboratory data collection and analysis, CDC generates various types of measures and estimates of foodborne illness, via a number of mechanisms, which serve different purposes. For example, the Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) collects data on laboratory-confirmed cases of nine foodborne illnesses caused by bacteria and parasites commonly associated with foodborne human illness (e.g., Salmonella and Escherichia coli O157:H7). The cases are reported to CDC by State health authorities in 10 States representing 15 percent of the U.S. population (i.e., all of Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, and Tennessee and selected counties in California, Colorado, and New York). Based on the FoodNet data, CDC writes an annual report on the incidence and trends of laboratory-confirmed cases of these nine illnesses. The FoodNet also conducts special studies to determine risk factors for acquiring those illnesses.
Periodically, CDC estimates the overall burden of foodborne illness. CDC’s estimate of the overall burden of foodborne illness has a much larger scope than CDC’s annual reports and draws heavily from FoodNet data as well as from a much wider variety of data sources, both inside and outside of CDC. This estimate also includes norovirus, a major contributor to the overall burden of foodborne disease, which can be transmitted not only by foods, but also by environmental sources, and is not monitored by FoodNet. CDC’s last estimate of the overall burden of foodborne illness was issued in 1999 and included unknown causes of foodborne illness (Ref. 2). Since then, advances in methodology and data sources have improved capabilities in developing disease burden estimates; these will be reflected in CDC’s next estimate.

In addition to CDC estimates, FDA and USDA use other measures to gauge the success, or implied success (i.e., via proxy measures), of policies and interventions for reducing foodborne illness. For example, although measurements of the food industry’s compliance with a given food safety regulation cannot be used to directly measure the regulation’s impact on the rate of foodborne illness, improved compliance can be reasonably expected to improve the likelihood that the foods involved will be safer and, thus, the likelihood that fewer illnesses will result. Examples include the tracking of E. coli O157:H7 in ground beef and of Salmonella and surveys of both domestic and imported produce, such as surveys conducted by FDA and USDA’s Microbiological Data Program, which have targeted Salmonella and E. coli O157:H7.

II. Purpose of the Workshop and Topics for Discussion

The purpose of this initial 1-day public workshop is to discuss current and potential measurements for assessing progress in food safety and to provide workshop participants an opportunity to learn about metrics and to consider and suggest metrics for assessing the effects that policies and interventions have on foodborne illness. The workshop will focus on the current status and challenges involved in measuring foodborne illness and trends over time, including incidence and trends in the overall burden of foodborne illness and illnesses associated with specific foodborne pathogens and specific pathogens that affect specific foods. The workshop will include a discussion of other measures that are, or could be, used to measure food safety progress that cannot be directly linked to health outcomes. These include measures of process control in food production, studies on the prevalence of specific pathogens in specific classes of food, and studies of compliance with recommended or required food safety practices in retail and food-service operations.

Specifically, topics to be discussed include CDC’s data sources and methods, including methods for estimating the burden of foodborne illness, and their various limitations and utilities; and FDA’s and USDA’s ongoing measures to gauge the success, or implied success (i.e., via the kinds of proxy measures described in previously mentioned examples; e.g., surveys for E. coli O157:H7 and Salmonella in produce and tracking of specific pathogens in meat), of policies and interventions, including the level of compliance with food safety regulations.

III. Transcripts

Please be advised that as soon as a transcript is available, it will be accessible at http://www.regulations.gov. It may be viewed at the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. A transcript will also be available in either hardcopy or on CD–ROM, after submission of a Freedom of Information request. Written requests are to be sent to Division of Freedom of Information (HFI–35), Office of Management Programs, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 6–30, Rockville, MD 20857.

IV. References

The following references are on display at the Division of Dockets Management (see Transcripts), between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. (FDA has verified the following Web site address, but FDA is not responsible for any subsequent changes to the Web site after this document publishes in the Federal Register.)


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement–006 Intelligence Records System of Records

AGENCY: Privacy Office, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is modifying an existing system of records titled the Immigration and Customs Enforcement–006 Intelligence Records System (Dec. 9, 2008), to clarify the nature of the personally identifiable information that will be collected and maintained on individuals. In conjunction with its publication of the Privacy Impact Assessment for the ICEGangs system, Immigration and Customs Enforcement is modifying the DHS/ICE–006 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Intelligence Records system of records notice to more clearly explain the type of information it gathers on suspected and confirmed gang members and associates. This DHS/Immigration and Customs Enforcement–006 Intelligence Records system of records notice updates categories of individuals; categories of records; purpose of the system; adding a routine use; and policies and practices for retaining and disposing of records in the system. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is soliciting comments on this SORN due to the clarifying changes that were made since the original publication. A Privacy Impact Assessment on ICEGangs that describes the system in detail is being published concurrently with this notice. In addition, this notice addresses one comment that was received in response to the original publication of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Intelligence Records SORN on December 9, 2008. A final rule is being published concurrently with this notice in which the Department exempts portions of this system of records from one or more provisions of the Privacy Act because of criminal, civil, and administrative enforcement requirements.

DATES: This amended system of records will be effective March 31, 2010. Written comments must be submitted on or before March 31, 2010.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS–