DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA—2009–D–0271]

Guidance for Industry; Measures to Address the Risk for Contamination by Salmonella Species in Food Containing a Pistachio-Derived Product as an Ingredient; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a guidance entitled “Guidance for Industry: Measures to Address the Risk for Contamination by Salmonella Species in Food Containing a Pistachio-Derived Product as an Ingredient.” The guidance clarifies for manufacturers who produce foods containing a pistachio-derived product as an ingredient that there is a risk that Salmonella species may be present in the incoming pistachio-derived product, and recommends measures to address that risk.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance to the Division of Plant and Dairy Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–317), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740. Submit two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your request. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the guidance.

Submit electronic comments on the guidance to http://www.regulations.gov. Submit written comments on the guidance to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the Federal Register of June 29, 2009 (74 FR 31038), FDA announced the availability of a draft guidance entitled “Guidance for Industry: Measures to Address the Risk for Contamination by Salmonella Species in Food Containing a Pistachio-Derived Product as an Ingredient” and gave interested parties an opportunity to submit comments by August 28, 2009. The Agency reviewed and evaluated these comments and has modified the guidance where appropriate.

The guidance clarifies for manufacturers who produce foods containing a pistachio-derived product as an ingredient that there is a risk that Salmonella species may be present in the incoming pistachio-derived product, and recommends measures to address that risk. Pistachio-derived products include roasted in-shell pistachios and shelled pistachios (also called kernels) that are roasted or raw. FDA is issuing this guidance as level 1 guidance consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the Agency’s current thinking on measures to address the risk for contamination by Salmonella spp. in food containing a pistachio-derived product as an ingredient. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternate approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) either electronic or written comments regarding the guidance. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. It is no longer necessary to send two copies of mailed comments. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the guidance at http://www.fda.gov/FoodGuidances or http://www.regulations.gov.

Dated: September 16, 2011.

Leslie Kux,
Acting Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Homeland Security Advisory Council

AGENCY: The Office of Policy, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of open teleconference Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) will meet via teleconference for the purpose of reviewing and deliberating on recommendations by the HSAC’s Southwest Border Task Force.

DATES: The HSAC conference call will take place from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 17, 2011. Please be advised that the meeting is scheduled for one hour and may end early if all business is completed before 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The HSAC meeting will be held via teleconference. Members of the public interested in participating in this teleconference meeting may do so by following the process outlined below (see “Public Participation”). Written comments must be submitted and received by October 14, 2011.

Comments must be identified by Docket No. DHS–2011–0096 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• E-mail: HSAC@dhs.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.
• Fax: (202) 282–9207

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and DHS–2011–0096, the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received by the DHS Homeland Security Advisory Council, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat McQuillan at hsac@dhs.gov or 202–447–3135.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Office of the Secretary
Published Privacy Impact Assessments on the Web

AGENCY: Privacy Office, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Publication of Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA).

SUMMARY: The Privacy Office of DHS is making available twenty-six PIAs on various programs and systems in DHS. These assessments were approved and published on the Privacy Office’s Web site between June 1, 2011 and August 31, 2011.

DATES: The PIAs will be available on the DHS Web site until November 21, 2011, after which they may be obtained by contacting the DHS Privacy Office (contact information below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, or e-mail: pio@hs.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. The HSAC provides independent advice to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to aid in the creation and implementation of critical and actionable policies and capabilities across the spectrum of homeland security operations. The HSAC will meet to review and approve the Southwest Border Task Force’s report of findings and recommendations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public will be in listen-only mode. The public may register to participate in this HSAC teleconference via aforesaid procedures. Each individual must provide his or her full legal name, e-mail address and phone number no later than 5 p.m. EDT on October 14, 2011, to Pat McQuillan via e-mail at HSAC@dhs.gov or via phone at (202) 447–3135. HSAC conference call details and the draft Southwest Border Task Force report will be provided to interested members of the public at the time they register.

INFORMATION ON SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance during the teleconference, contact Pat McQuillan (202) 447–3135.

DATED: September 16, 2011.
Becca Sharp, Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, DHS.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Between June 1, 2011 and August 31, 2011, the Chief Privacy Officer of the DHS approved and published twenty-six Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) on the DHS Privacy Office Web site, http://www.dhs.gov/privacy, under the link for “Privacy Impact Assessments.” These PIAs cover twenty-six separate DHS programs. Below is a short summary of those programs, indicating the DHS component responsible for the system, and the date on which the PIA was approved. Additional information can be found on the Web site or by contacting the Privacy Office.

System: DHS/USCIS/PIA–009(b)—Eligibility Risk and Fraud Assessment Testing Environment (EFRA) Update.


Date of approval: June 1, 2011.

The Office of Transformation Coordination of USCIS is planning to update the EFRA Testing Environment. This update describes the next phase of this tool to develop, test, and refine the tool’s risk and fraud business rules and to load biographic data from legacy systems before deploying to a full production environment.

System: DHS/USCIS/PIA–037


Component: USCIS.

Date of approval: June 2, 2011.

DHS USCIS Office of Information Technology (IT) developed the SLOPE–RBTP to streamline the adjudication of Form I–90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card. SLOPE–RBTP electronically organizes and automates the adjudication of pending Form I–90 applications. USCIS is conducting this PIA because SLOPE–RBTP collects and uses personally identifiable information.

System: DHS/ICE/PIA–028

Automated Threat Prioritization (ATP) Web Service.

Component: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Date of approval: June 6, 2011.

The Office of the Chief Information Officer, in coordination with the Offices of Homeland Security Investigations and Enforcement and Removal Operations within ICE, is developing and implementing the Automated Threat Prioritization (ATP) Web service, which is an IT tool that uses configurable and scalable search and data sharing capabilities to improve and automate existing IT systems. ATP electronically receives processes and transmits criminal history information about individuals who are the subjects of a broad range of enforcement actions or whose criminal history is required to be evaluated by law to determine eligibility for a benefit or credential. For example, this service is intended to enhance and support ICE’s investigative and enforcement operations by automating criminal history data processing and aid in its prioritization of enforcement actions. ICE is conducting this PIA because the ATP service will transmit and process PII. This PIA, however, only describes the general functionality of the ATP service and not its implementation.

System: DHS/USCIS/PIA–010(e)—USCIS Person Centric Query Service (PCQS) Supporting Immigration Status Verifiers of the USCIS Enterprise Service Directorate/Verification Division Update.

Component: USCIS.

Date of approval: June 8, 2011.

This is an update to the existing PIA for the USCIS PCQS. This update describes the privacy impact of expanding the status verifier’s person-search capability by adding the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators Network Service system to the existing PCQS query inventory.

System: DHS/ALL/PIA–033

Google Analytics.

Component: DHS.

Date of approval: June 9, 2011.

DHS is planning to utilize Google Analytics (http://www.google.com/ analytics) for viewing and analyzing traffic to DHS’s public-facing Web site(s), including components. Google Analytics is a free, external, third-party hosted, Web site analytics solution that generates robust information about the interactions of public-facing Web site visitors with DHS. Google Analytics must collect the full Internet Protocol (IP) address, which Google masks prior to use and storage, and provides DHS with non-identifiable aggregated information in the form of custom reports. DHS implemented the IP address masking feature within Google Analytics to avoid the use and storage of the full IP address. For example, when the last octet is truncated from the IP address, 192.168.0.1 becomes 192.168.0. This masking will affect the geographic location metric within Google Analytics. Google Analytics uses first-party cookies to track visitor interactions. DHS shall not collect, maintain, or retrieve PII including a visitor’s IP address during this analytics process operated by Google. Google Analytics shall not provide to DHS, share with Google or any Google product for additional analysis, or use...