DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcing an Open Meeting of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) will meet Wednesday, February 1, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Friday, February 3, 2012 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. All sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Eastern time, and Friday, February 3, 2012 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Eastern time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Residence Inn Washington, 1199 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington DC, 20005–3519.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Annie Sokol, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8930, telephone: (301) 975–2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) will meet Wednesday, February 1, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Friday, February 3, 2012 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. All sessions will be open to the public. The ISPAB was established by the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100–235) and amended by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–347) to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of NIST on security and privacy issues pertaining to federal computer systems. Details regarding the ISPAB’s activities are available at http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/SM/ispab/index.html.

The Agenda is Expected To Include the Following Items

—Discussion/updates on the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC),
—Panel discussion on derived credentials,
—Presentation on DHS updates and cybersecurity strategy,
—Panel discussion on data feedback and network,
—Panel discussion/presentation on NCIC (National Crime Information Center) System,
—Presentation/Discussion on NIST Research and Secure Mobile Devices,
—Panel Discussion on cyber R&D Strategy, and
—Update of NIST Computer Security Division.

Note that agenda items may change without notice because of possible unexpected schedule conflicts of presenters. The final agenda will be posted on the Web site indicated above. Approximately fifteen seats will be available for the public and media. No registration is required to attend this meeting.

Public Participation: The ISPAB agenda will include a period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments from the public (Friday, February 3, 2012, between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.). Speakers will be selected on a first-come, first served basis. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact Ms. Annie Sokol at the telephone number indicated above.

In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the ISPAB at any time. Written statements should be directed to the ISPAB Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8930.

Dated: December 22, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Conference on Weights and Measures 97th Interim Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Interim Meeting of the 97th National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) will be held January 22 to 25, 2012. This notice contains information about significant items on the NCWM Committee agendas, but does not include all agenda items. As a result, the items are not consecutively numbered.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 22–25, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Monteleone located at 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130–2201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carol Hockert, Chief, NIST, Office of Weights and Measures, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2600. You may also contact Ms. Hockert by telephone (301) 975–5507 or by email at Carol.Hockert@nist.gov. The meetings are open to the public, but a paid registration is required. Please see NCWM Publication 15 “Interim Meeting Agenda” (www.ncwm.net or http://www.nist.gov/pml/wmd/index.cfm) to view the meeting agendas, registration forms and hotel reservation information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Publication of this notice on the NCWM’s behalf is undertaken as a public service; NIST does not endorse, approve, or recommend any of the proposals contained in this notice or in the publications of the NCWM.

The NCWM is an organization of weights and measures officials of the states, counties, and cities of the United States, federal agencies, and private sector representatives. These meetings bring together government officials and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations on subjects related to the field of weights and measures technology, administration and enforcement. NIST participates to promote uniformity among the states in laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprise the regulatory control of commercial weighing and measuring devices and other trade and commerce issues.

The following are brief descriptions of some of the significant agenda items that will be considered along with other issues at the NCWM Interim Meeting. Comments will be taken on these and other issues during several public comment sessions. At this stage, the items are proposals. This meeting also includes work sessions in which the Committees may also accept comments, and where they will finalize recommendations for NCWM consideration and possible adoption at its 97th Annual Meeting that will be held in Portland, Maine, on July 15–19, 2012. The Committees may withdraw or
carryover items that need additional development.

The Specifications and Tolerances Committee (S&T Committee) will consider proposed amendments to NIST Handbook 44, “Specifications, Tolerances, and other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices.” Those items address weighing and measuring devices used in commercial applications, that is, devices that are used to buy from or sell to the public or used for determining the quantity of product sold among businesses. Issues on the agenda of the NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee (L&R Committee) relate to proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130, “Uniform Laws and Regulations in the area of Legal Metrology and Engine Fuel Quality” and NIST Handbook 133 “Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods.”

NCWM Specifications and Tolerances Committee

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 44:

Item 320–4, UR.1.2. Grain Hopper Scales

The intent of this proposal is to add language to NIST Handbook 44 to clarify the requirement that hopper scales used to weigh grain must be Accuracy Class III weighing devices. The submitter of this proposal believes that this revision is needed to help ensure that weights and measures officials uniformly apply the handbook’s tolerances and other technical and use requirements to grain hopper scales.

Liquid Measuring Devices

Some gasoline and fuel retailers offer a variety of discounts to consumers on fuel prices in connection with marketing services and dispensing product. The items that follow include proposals to modify Section 3.30. Liquid-Measuring Devices to require that retailers provide consumers with adequate transaction information to assist them in making value comparisons and ensure transparency when fuel purchases are discounted after a delivery.

Item 330–1, S.1.6.4.1. Unit Price

This proposal would modify the device specification to recognize current marketing practices that offer post delivery discounts on fuel prices and require final unit price information.

Item 330–2, S.1.6.5.4. Selection of Unit Price

This proposal would allow device manufacturers greater flexibility in the design and operation of customer operated controls on motor-fuel dispensers by recognizing the use of new technology in the selection of a unit price.

Item 330–3, S.1.6.6. Agreement between Indications

This proposal would exempt “total money values” displays on the dispenser and auxiliary equipment (such as the display on a remote control console in an operator’s kiosk) from agreement requirements when retailers offer post delivery discounts for a fuel sale.

Item 330–4, S.1.6.7. Recorded Representations

This proposal would ensure that fuel dispensers provide receipts with sufficient price and other information to allow customers to understand any post delivery discounts and recognize the use of either digitally transmitted or printed receipts.

Item 330–5, UR.3.2. Unit Price and Product Identity

This proposal is intended to clarify the requirements for displaying or posting the final unit price of a fuel offered at a discount and periods where the highest unit price shall be displayed.

Item 330–6, UR.3.3. Computing Device

This proposal would require that customer receipts include adequate information to allow the customer to understand and verify any post delivery discounts the retailer provides in connection with a fuel sale.

Vehicle Tank Meters

Item 331–1, T.4. Product Depletion Test

This proposal would amend the handbook to base the product depletion test tolerances on the meter’s maximum flow rate (a marking required on all meters), rather than the marked meter size (this marking is required for meters manufactured in 2009 or later). The justifications for this proposal are that it will improve the consistency of the tolerance application to older meters that are not required to be marked with the meter size and correct the application of tolerances applied to small meters.

Electronic Livestock, Meat and Poultry Carcass Evaluation Systems

Item 359–1, Tentative Status of Code 5.59. Electronic Livestock, Meat, and Poultry Evaluation Systems and/or Devices

The intent of this proposal is to make tentative Code 5.59, in Handbook 44 enforceable so that it can be used to control the accuracy and use of electronic carcass evaluation equipment. The equipment in this code is used commercially in livestock procurement operations to determine the value of the animals being purchased. Currently, there is no independent third party verifying the accuracy of these devices. In 2010, 106.9 million hogs weighing 21.8 billion pounds with a total value of $15.7 billion were commercially purchased. Of these purchases, about 80 percent were made on a carcass yield weight basis using an electronic carcass evaluation device. The use of these devices in the beef industry is just emerging so no data on the level of use is available for that application. In addition, electronic evaluation devices are used to measure composition or quality constituents in individual cuts of meat for further sale to consumers. Studies have shown that improper use of electronic carcass evaluation equipment can change the value of livestock, meat, and poultry. The impact of calibration, machine, and formula errors is unknown. Because the revenues of livestock and poultry producers in every state are, or will be, affected by the use of these devices, adoption of a final code that defines specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for these devices will help ensure equity between buyer and seller and fair competition between businesses.

NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130 or NIST Handbook 133:

Uniform Regulation for the Method of Sale of Commodities

Item 232–1., Polyethylene Products—Method of Sale Regulation—Section 2.13.4. “Declaration of Weight.”

The Committee will consider a proposal to revise the density values used to calculate the net weights on some packages of polyethylene products to recognize that heavier density plastics are now being used in some sheeting and bags. (See also Item 260–4, Handbook 133, Chapter 4.7.)
SUMMARY: The SEDAR assessments of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico stocks of Spanish mackerel and cobia will consist of a series of workshops and webinars: a Data Workshop and webinar, an Assessment Workshop and webinars, and a Review Workshop. The data and assessment webinars will be announced in a separate notice. This is the twenty-eighth SEDAR.


ADDRESSES: The Data Workshop will be held at the Marriott Charleston, 170 Lockwood Blvd., Charleston, SC 29403; telephone: (843) 723–3000. The Assessment Workshop will be held at the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove, 2649 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133; telephone: (305) 858–2500. The Review Workshop will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Atlanta—Buckhead, 3342 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30326; telephone: (404) 231–1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kari Fenske, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR includes three workshops: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Stock Assessment Workshop and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Stock Assessment Workshop is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Consensus Summary documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO’s; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies. SEDAR 28 Workshop Schedule:

**February 6–10, 2012; SEDAR 28 Data Workshop**

February 6, 2012: 1 p.m.–8 p.m.;
February 7–9, 2012: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.;
February 10, 2012: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed during the Data Workshop. Participants will evaluate all available data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance.

**May 7–11, 2012; SEDAR 28 Assessment Workshop**

May 7, 2012: 1 p.m.–8 p.m.;
May 8–10, 2012: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.;
May 11, 2012: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Using datasets provided by the Data Workshop, participants will develop population models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and Sustainable Fisheries Act criteria, and project future conditions. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters. Participants will prepare a workshop report, compare and contrast various assessment approaches, and determine whether the assessments are adequate for submission to the review panel.

**August 6–10, 2012; SEDAR 28 Data Workshop**

August 6, 2012: 1 p.m.–8 p.m.;
August 7–9, 2012: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.;
August 10, 2012: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Review Workshop is an independent peer review of the assessment developed during the Data and Assessment Workshops. Workshop Panelists will review the assessment and document their comments and recommendations in a Consensus Summary.