

## **Briefing**

### ***Listeria monocytogenes* Update**

National Advisory Committee on  
Meat and Poultry Inspection  
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#### **Purpose**

- To provide an overview of:
  - The new regulatory requirements
  - The implementation of the regulation
  - The planned FSIS risk-based verification strategy
  - The consumer outreach and education strategy

#### **Main Points**

- The regulation became effective October 6, 2003, and addresses post-lethality exposed ready-to-eat meat and poultry products. A brief explanation of the main points of the regulation will be presented.
- A summary of the FDA/FSIS risk ranking and the FSIS risk assessment will be presented in order to explain why the regulation was designed to target specific ready-to-eat products and processes.
- A brief explanation will be provided regarding the planned FSIS risk-based verification activity, including testing.
- A summary of why there is a need for consumer outreach and education activity, particularly for vulnerable population groups

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