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FSIS Extends Outreach with Educational Meetings on Enhanced Enforcement of Imported Products

The Agency will conduct educational meetings in June regarding the recently enhanced enforcement program for imported products containing small amounts of meat or poultry ingredients.

FSIS is enhancing its programs to ensure approved source requirements are met and to achieve the sanitary processing and prevention of intentional or non-intentional contamination.

Affected industry organizations, importers and manufacturers of food products containing small amounts of meat or poultry ingredients will learn what will be required for these products to enter the United States after June 22.

For more information and to register, contact the Office of Outreach, Education and Employee Training at 1-800-336-3747.

June 5 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. USDA's South Building 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C.	June 9 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm Doubletree Hotel and EMC 200 Marina Boulevard Berkley, California.
June 16 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm Hilton Newark Airport 1170 Spring Street Elizabeth, New Jersey	

Committee on the Use of Public Health Data in FSIS Food Safety Programs Holds Second Meeting

On June 3, the standing committee for the *Use of Public Health Data in FSIS Food Safety Programs* will hold its second bi-annual meeting to review FSIS data analyses and risk-based approaches for food inspection.

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Export Requirement Updates



The Library of Export Requirements has been updated to reflect changes in export requirements for the following countries:

China

Japan

Mexico

Complete information can be found at www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/Export_Information/index.asp.

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Committee Meeting ...

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Since September 2008, the Agency has worked with the National Academies of Science for independent scientific reviews consistent with recommendations made by the Office of the Inspector General and other stakeholders.

The committee will discuss the findings of three completed studies for FSIS; Public Health Decision Criteria, Risk-Based Surveillance of In-Commerce Activities and the proposed Approach for Public-Health Attribution.

Agency officials will also brief the committee to initiate a fourth study examining FSIS' proposed risk-based approach to In-Commerce Follow-up Surveillance. That study will be completed in fall 2009.

The meeting will be held at the Keck Center of the National Academies, 500 Fifth Street N.W., Room 101 in Washington, D.C. Contact Ruthie Arieti at (202) 344-2856 or <http://dels.nas.edu/banr/>

Save the Date for *Listeria monocytogenes* Public Meeting

FSIS is co-sponsoring a public meeting with the Department of Health and Human Service's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on June 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to present background, approach, scope and data needs for a recently initiated interagency risk assessment of the public health impact of foodborne *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*) in some ready-to-eat foods that are sliced, prepared or packaged in retail facilities.

The purpose of this meeting is to ascertain the effect on public health where current practices and potential interventions reduce or prevent *Lm* contamination in ready-to-eat foods. FSIS

and FDA invite interested individuals, organizations and other stakeholders to participate in the meeting and comment on this topic.

The meeting will be held at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington, D.C. More information, including the agenda, will be made available in future issues of the *Constituent Update*.

Also, be sure to check the "Meetings and Events" page of FSIS' Web site at www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Meetings_&_Events/index.asp for more updates.

FSIS Issues Directive

FSIS issues directives and notices to enhance the Agency's efforts in protecting public health. The following directive was issued this week:

- Directive 9020.1 Revision 1, *Meat, Poultry, Egg Products and Shell Eggs Refused Entry Into The United States.*

All directives and notices are available on the FSIS Web site at www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/regulations_directives_&_notices/index.asp.

2010 Food Safety Education Conference

To help educate stakeholders, USDA and NSF International are hosting the 2010 Food Safety Education Conference, *Advancements in Food Safety: Trends, Tools and Technologies*, from March 23 to 26 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia.

Food safety educators and other professionals worldwide will have the opportunity to discover the latest advancements in food safety education, including trends, tools and technologies.

For more information, visit www.fsis.usda.gov/Atlanta2010.

Get Answers at AskFSIS

AskFSIS is searchable by visitors and designed to help answer policy-related questions on topics such as exporting, labeling and inspection, programs and procedures. Visit <http://askfsis.custhelp.com> to find the answers to your questions.

Recently Posted Questions and Answers

FSIS Notice 24-09, *Child Nutrition (CN) Labeled Products.*

- Child Nutrition Products- IPP Role Compliance with CN.
http://askfsis.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/askfsis.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=1213
- Child Nutrition Products - Egg Products Plants
http://askfsis.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/askfsis.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=1214
- Child Nutrition Products - Inspection Coverage
http://askfsis.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/askfsis.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=1215
- Child Nutrition Products - Procedure Codes 04B01, 04B02
http://askfsis.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/askfsis.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=1216
- Child Nutrition Products - IPP Role Regarding Sanitation
http://askfsis.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/askfsis.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=1217



FSIS Posts New Podcast

Tune in and subscribe to podcasts that offer information on the selection, handling and preparation of meat and poultry products to reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

This week, FSIS released a podcast helpful to plant owners and operators.

NOIE: Rules of Practice and Enforcement Actions Part 1 of 4

Check out this new podcast on FSIS' Web site at www.fsis.usda.gov/news_&_events/Podcasts/index.asp.