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FSIS to Host Public Meeting on Interagency Risk Assessment for *Listeria monocytogenes*

FSIS is co-sponsoring a public meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services' 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 are inviting interested individuals, organizations and other stakeholders to participate in the meeting and comment on this topic.

The meeting will be held at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. More information, including the agenda, is available on the "Meetings and Events" page of FSIS' Web site at www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Meetings_&_Events/index.asp.

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

The Agency will conduct an educational meeting June 16 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

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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
Kyrgyzstan
Maldives
Mexico
Philippines
Russia
Uzbekistan

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

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will learn what will be required for these products to enter the United States after June 22.

The June 16 meeting will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel at Newark Airport, 1170 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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

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

Notice 46-09, *Reviewing and Updating Establishment Profile Processing Tab Prior to*

Completing the Survey for “Raw Comminuted” Poultry.

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



FSIS Posts New Podcasts

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 podcasts helpful to both consumers and plant owners and operators.

Food Safety at Home: Canned Food Safety (English and Spanish)

Notice of Intended Enforcement: Options After Receiving an NOIE – Response, Part 4 of 4

Check out these new podcasts on FSIS’ Web site at www.fsis.usda.gov/news_&_events/Podcasts/index.asp. Spanish language consumer podcasts are available at www.fsis.usda.gov/En_Espanol/Podcasts_SP/index.asp.