

Minutes of the National Advisory Committee
on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) Plenary Session
Friday, August 22, 2003

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Dr. Merle Pierson, USDA, Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, Chair, opened the meeting at 8:40 AM, Friday, August 22, and provided opening remarks.

Reports from the Subcommittee Chairs

Mr. Spencer Garrett, Chair, Subcommittee on Microbiological Performance Standards for Broilers (young chicken)/Ground Chicken presented an overview and background information on the FSIS baseline review charge requesting NACMCF review of proposed microbiological baseline studies of raw ground beef components. He also reviewed in detail the Subcommittee work and report on “NACMCF Response to USDA/FSIS Request For Guidance On Baseline Study Design And Evaluations For Raw Ground Beef Components.” Mr. Garrett presented the document to the Full Committee for consideration of adoption. After deliberations the document was adopted with changes (1st motion by Katherine Swanson, 2nd motion by John Kvenberg).

Mr. Spencer Garrett also reported progress on a performance standards document for broilers/ground chicken. This report is a work-in-progress and no action was taken.

Dr. Don Zink, Subcommittee Chair of Criteria for Refrigerated Shelf-life Based on Safety provided an interim report on work progress on a draft document. No action was taken.

Dr. John Kvenberg, Subcommittee Chair of Scientific Criteria for Redefining Pasteurization provided background and issues related to the Subcommittee work charge on redefining pasteurization. He reported progress on a document covering alternative technologies for pasteurization and discussed Subcommittee thoughts, strategies, and plans for responding to the charge. No action was taken.

Public Comment

Mr. Sam Ankrah, Virginia Tech, commented on the FSIS Risk Assessment for *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 and elements of the FSIS sampling plans for raw ground beef component baseline studies.

Close

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 AM, Friday August 22, 2003.

A list of NACMCF members in attendance and outside participants follows. Further meeting details are available in the meeting transcripts.

8-22-03 NACMCF Meeting Participants

Chair: Dr. Merle Pierson

Vice-Chair: Dr. Robert Brackett

NACMCF Members: Dr. David Acheson
Dr. Peggy Cook
Dr. Catherine Donnelly
Dr. Stephanie Doores
Dr. Dan Engeljohn
Mr. Spencer Garrett
Dr. Robin King
Dr. Mahipal Kunduru
Dr. John Kvenberg
Dr. Anna Lammerding
Dr. John Luchansky
Dr. Carol Maddox
Dr. Roberta Morales
Dr. Eli Perencevich
Ms. Angela Ruple
Ms. Jenny Scott
Dr. Skip Seward
Dr. John Sofos
Dr. Katie Swanson
Dr. Don Zink

NACMCF Executive Committee: Dr. Art Liang, CDC
Maj. Erik Topping, VSA
Dr. LeeAnne Jackson, FDA
Dr. Carol Maczka, FSIS

FSIS Staff: Ms. Gerri Ransom
Ms. Karen Thomas
Dr. Walt Hill
Dr. Karen Hulebak

FDA Staff: Mr. Don Kautter

NMFS Staff: Ms. Emille Cole
Ms. Barbara Comstock

Dr. Al Rainosek

Outside Participant:

Mr. Sam Ankrah, VA Tech