

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection
Summary of Meeting

January 16 and 17, 2013

The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) convened at 9:00 A.M. on January 16, 2013, at the Patriots Plaza III Building, 355 E. Street, SW, Washington, D.C. Mr. Alfred Almanza, Administrator of the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and Committee Chair welcomed the committee members and all others present at the meeting. Dr. Elisabeth Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA made opening remarks.

In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the meeting was open to the public from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The meeting was closed to the public for a brief committee administrative meeting from 5:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Advisory committee members present:

Ms. Patricia Buck
Dr. Fur-Chi Chen
Ms. Nancy Donley
Dr. Veneranda Gapud
Ms. Sherika Harvey
Ms. Sara Klein
Dr. Carol Lorenzen
Dr. John Marcy
Dr. Robert Reinhard
Dr. Michael Rybolt
Dr. Craig Schultz
Dr. John Tilden
Mr. Christopher Waldrop
Mr. Steven Warshawer
Mr. Leonard Winchester

Ex officio member present:

Dr. Arthur Liang, U.S. Centers for Disease Control

Representatives of USDA Employee Organizations present:

Dr. Danah Vetter, National Association of Federal Veterinarians
Mr. Justin Rhee, Asian Pacific American Network in Agriculture

Members of the audience making public comment:

Mr. Tony Corbo, Food and Water Watch
Mr. Scott Goltry, American Meat Institute

Mr. Keith Payne, Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training, FSIS, served as moderator.

Mr. Payne announced that the meeting was being recorded. A complete transcript of the meeting is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_FSIS/NACMPI_Transcripts/index.asp.

In the first of two updates on issues from previous committee meetings, Ms. Mary Stanley of FSIS' Office of Policy and Program Development, presented information on the inclusion of committee recommendations in the FSIS international equivalence policy.

Mr. Christopher Alvares, Office of Data Integration and Food Protection, on behalf of Mr. Jeremy Todd Reed, gave an update on public posting of establishment level data. This topic was brought before the committee in 2010 and the subcommittee on data collection, analysis, and transparency made recommendations on the issue.

Dr. William Shaw, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, presented the topic of strengthening verification of sanitary dressing and antimicrobial intervention for veal slaughter and charged the committee with questions relating to this issue.

Mr. Christopher Alvares, Office of Data Integration and Food Protection, FSIS, presented the second topic and charge to the committee on review of criteria for public health-related, non-compliance records (NRs).

All the presentations from the meeting are available on the FSIS Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/National Advisory Committee on Meat & Poultry/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations%20&%20Policies/National%20Advisory%20Committee%20on%20Meat%20&%20Poultry/index.asp).

After a lunch break, the committee divided into two subcommittees and moved into subcommittee deliberations to review, discuss and compose recommendations to FSIS. Transcripts from the subcommittees are available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/National Advisory Committee on Meat & Poultry/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations%20&%20Policies/National%20Advisory%20Committee%20on%20Meat%20&%20Poultry/index.asp).

The committee reconvened at the end of the day to discuss progress on the reports. The meeting was then opened for public comment. The meeting adjourned for the day at 4:50 P.M.

January 17, 2013

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. with reports from the subcommittees. After discussions among committee members and some changes to both reports, it was agreed that the reports represented the consensus of the committee. The final subcommittee reports are available on the FSIS Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/National Advisory Committee on Meat & Poultry/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations%20&%20Policies/National%20Advisory%20Committee%20on%20Meat%20&%20Poultry/index.asp).

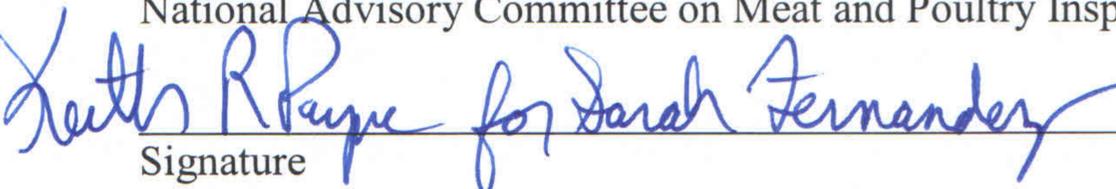
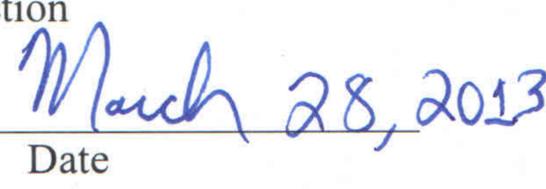
A public comment period followed.

Mr. Alfred Almanza made closing remarks.

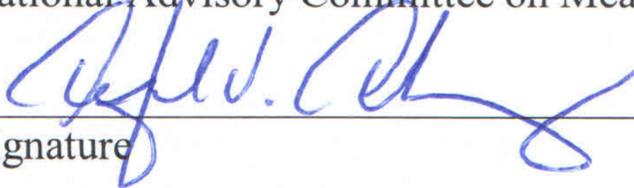
The meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Sarah Fernandez
Designated Federal Officer
National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

 
Signature Date

Mr. Alfred Almanza
Chairman
National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection


Signature

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Date

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