

as possible to discuss with us and inform us regarding the relevant issues.

Therefore, we are holding a series of public meetings. Public meetings allow all interested parties—industry representatives, producers, consumers, and others—to present their views and to exchange information among themselves and with APHIS.

There are no set agendas for the meetings. Any issues and concerns related to aquaculture and possible APHIS regulatory action can be discussed. However, we would like more information on three specific issues. These are issues that the people and organizations who commented on our ANPR either did not address or were unclear about. Specifically, if APHIS does propose regulations: (1) Should our program be mandatory or voluntary; (2) should we cover shell fish; and (3) should we cover ornamental fin fish?

Information elicited at the meetings could result in a new APHIS regulatory program or in changes to aquaculture-related services currently provided by APHIS.

We have scheduled this public meeting for Thursday, October 4, 2001, at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, AR. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please register in advance by calling the Regulatory Analysis and Development voice mail at (301) 734-4339. Leave a message with your name, telephone number, organization, if any, and an estimate of the time you need to speak. On the day of the meeting, you may also register from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the meeting site. Starting with the advance registrants, we will call speakers in the order in which they registered.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 4 p.m. We may end the meeting early if all the registered speakers have had a chance to speak and if no one else wants to speak. We may also extend the meeting or limit the time allowed for each speaker, if necessary, so all interested persons have an opportunity to participate.

An APHIS representative will preside at the meeting. The meeting will be recorded. We encourage speakers to present written statements, though it is not required. If you choose to present a written statement, please provide the chairperson with a copy. The complete record, including the transcript and all written comments, will be available to the public.

This meeting is part of our series of public meetings. The first public meeting was held on January 25, 2001, in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The second public meeting was held on February

16, 2001, in Hebron, KY. The third public meeting was held on April 5, 2001, in Machias, ME, and the fourth public meeting was held on June 8, 2001, in Twin Falls, ID. Recently, we announced three other meetings: Washington (September 19, 2001, in conjunction with the joint meeting of the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association and the National Shellfish Association/Pacific Coast Section Conference); Pennsylvania (October 9, 2001, in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Pennsylvania Aquaculture Advisory Committee and the Pennsylvania Aquaculture Association); and Mississippi (October 10, 2001, in conjunction with the annual Board meeting of the Catfish Farmers of America). On July 27, 2001, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 39134-39136, Docket No. 98-085-6) announcing the dates, times, and locations of these three meetings. Transcripts of the proceedings of each meeting are available, as we receive them, on the Internet at www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/aquaculture.html.

Additionally, to provide interested persons with as much opportunity as possible to inform us of relevant issues, we are accepting written comments mailed to the address listed at the beginning of this document under **ADDRESSES**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of August 2001.

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Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-024N]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will meet September 17-20, 2001. The meeting is open to the public. The committee will discuss *Salmonella* performance standards in meat and poultry products; *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 in blade-tenderized, non-intact beef; review Codex Alimentarius Commission Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food

Hygiene Control Measures; introduce the evaluation of hot holding temperatures; and the scientific basis for establishing safety-based "use by" date labeling for refrigerated, ready-to-eat foods.

FSIS will finalize an agenda describing the specific charges to the Committee on or before the meeting date and post it to its internet web page.

DATES: Subcommittees will meet on Monday, September 17, 2001, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and again on September 18 and 19, 2001; the full Committee will meet in plenary session on September 19-20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th & K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Send an original and two copies of comments to the Food Safety and Inspection Service Docket Room: Docket #01-024N, Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Comments may also be sent by facsimile (202) 205-0381. The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when it becomes available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments should contact Ms. Karen Thomas (202) 690-6620, Fax (202) 690-6634, e-mail address:

karen.thomas@dcqexs1.hqnet.usda.gov, or mailing address: Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, Office of Public Health and Science, Aerospace Center, Room 333, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Thomas, by September 3, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in April 1988, in response to a recommendation in a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection, Subcommittee on Microbiological Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The Charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS internet web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/programs/nacmcf_chart.htm.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S.

food supply including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides advice to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense. Dr. I. Kaye Wachsmuth, Deputy Administrator, Office of Public Health and Science, FSIS, is the Committee Chair, and Janice F. Oliver, Deputy Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, is the Co-Chair.

At the September 17–20, 2001, meeting announced in this document, the Committee will

- Discuss *Salmonella* performance standards in meat and poultry products;
- Discuss *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 in blade-tenderized, non-intact beef;
- Review Codex Alimentarius Commission Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food Hygiene Control Measures;
- Introduce the evaluation of hot holding temperatures; and
- Introduce the scientific basis for establishing safety-based “use by” date labeling for refrigerated, ready-to-eat foods.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/ stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to

the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720–5704.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, Arlington, VA 22202–3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603–7740

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 2, April 13, June 15, June 29, July 13, 2001 the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (66 F.R.13041, 19136, 32598, 36741, 34611, 34612) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Microfilming, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. Comments were received from a microfilming corporation. The commenter raised several issues in objecting to the Committee’s proposal to add this microfilming service for the Bureau of the Census to the Procurement List.

The commenter first questioned the Committee’s certification that the proposed addition to the Procurement List will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The commenter indicated that the proposed addition would have a severe impact on small business entities in the computer output archival microfilm industry. The commenter also indicated that this Procurement List addition would set a precedent for other Government microfilm conversion projects in the future.

The commenter did not provide any information to indicate how many small business entities would be affected by this Procurement List addition. Without

this information, the Committee cannot conclude that a substantial number of small business entities would be adversely affected. Any negative impact would probably be countered by the positive impact on the two small nonprofit entities that will be performing the service. The Committee is required to conduct a separate rulemaking proceeding, including an adverse impact determination, for each Procurement List addition, so this addition cannot be a precedent for later additions.

The commenter also indicated that a fair market price for the microfilming service may only be determined by a competitive procurement. The Committee believes that its fair market pricing procedures, which include price negotiations between the Bureau of the Census and the producing nonprofit agencies, will result in a fair market price that will represent a best value to the Government.

The commenter questioned the capability of the nonprofit agencies to perform the service, noting that time is of the essence because of potential deterioration of the magnetic media in which the census information is being stored. The nonprofit agencies have been found technically capable of performing the service, and the Bureau of the Census has accepted this finding.

The commenter, in questioning the Committee’s certification that the proposed Procurement List addition would not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping, or compliance requirements for entities other than the producing nonprofit agencies, asked the Committee to conduct a study of the relative merits of the commenter’s microfilming method and the other commercially available microfilming process. The Committee does not think such a study is necessary to support the addition of this service to the Procurement List, as it will provide no information needed to support the Committee’s determination that the service is suitable for addition to the Procurement List that would justify the cost and delay which a study would entail. Finally, the commenter asked the Committee to consider an alternative approach by expanding the Committee’s program to include for-profit entities as employers of people with severe disabilities. To the extent this alternative would involve for-profit entities as program participants, it is prohibited by the Committee’s statute, which limits participation to nonprofit agencies. However, these nonprofit agencies are encouraged to subcontract with for-profit entities to obtain goods and services that do not create work for