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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-008N]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) will hold a public meeting on May 16-17, 2000, to review and discuss four issues: (1) The requested changes to the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) Hazard

Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations—industry petition, (2) the extension of the USDA's meat and poultry inspection program to additional species (including the use of nitrates in non-amenable species), (3) E. coli O157:H7 developments, and (4) Listeria developments. The three subcommittees of the full Committee will also meet on May 16, 2000, to continue working on issues discussed during the full Committee session. All interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee will review and discuss. This notice also informs members of the public as to how they may receive copies of the weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which provides information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other relevant information.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16-17, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sub-committees will hold public meetings on May 16, 2000, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All Committee meetings will take place at the Quality Hotel & Suites, Courthouse Plaza, 1200 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201; telephone (703) 524-4000. The full committee will meet in the Jefferson Room. The Subcommittees will meet in the Kennedy, Roosevelt, and Lincoln Rooms. A meeting agenda is available on the FSIS Web Site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi> which is a sub-web page of the FSIS Homepage at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. Send written comments, in triplicate, to FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Docket #00-008N, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Comments may also be sent by facsimile (202) 205-0381. The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, will be kept in the Docket Clerk's office at the address provided above. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael N. Micchelli at (202) 720-6269, FAX (202) 720-2345, or E-mail michael.micchelli@usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mr. Micchelli by April 25, 2000, at the above numbers or e-mail. Information is also available on FSIS

Web Site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 22, 1999, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the NACMPI. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act. The FSIS Administrator is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups; producers, processors, and marketers from the meat and poultry industry; and State government officials. The current members of the NACMPI are: Magdi Abadir, Cuisine Solutions; Terry Burkhardt, Wisconsin Bureau of Meat Safety and Inspection; Dr. James Denton, University of Arkansas; Caroline Smith-DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest; Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority; Carol Tucker Foreman, Food Policy Institute, Consumer Federation of America; Dr. Cheryl Hall, Zacky Farms, Inc.; Kathleen Hanigan, Farmland Foods; Dr. Lee C. Jan, Texas Department of Health; Alice Johnson, National Turkey Federation; Dr. Collette Schultz Kaster, Premium Standard Farms; Dr. Daniel E. LaFontaine, South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department; Michael Mamminga, Iowa Department of Agriculture; Dr. Dale Morse, New York Office of Public Health; Rosemary Mucklow, National Meat Association; Donna Richardson, Howard University Cancer Center; and Gary Weber, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The Committee has three subcommittees that deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole Committee. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Members of the public will be required to register before entering the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Timber Purchasers' Costs and Sales Data

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to reinstate a previously approved information collection. The collected information will help the Forest Service facilitate the appraisal and sale of timber on National Forest System lands. Information will be collected from purchasers of this timber.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Rex Baumbach, Forest Management, Mail Stop 1105, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1045 or by email to: rbaumbach@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received in the Office of the Director, Forest Management Staff, Forest Service, USDA, Room 3NW, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. Callers are urged to

call ahead to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rex Baumbach, Timber Sale Contract Administration Specialist, Forest Management, at (202) 205-0855.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Multiple-Use Sustained Yield Act of 1960, the Forest Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, and the National Forest Management Act of 1976 authorize the Forest Service to sell forest products and National Forest System timber.

Forest Service timber appraisers develop advertised timber sale prices using a transaction evidence method of appraisal. Transaction evidence appraisals begin with an average of past successful bids by timber purchasers for timber for which the stumpage rate has been adjusted for the timber sale and the market conditions at the time. The Forest Service transaction evidence appraisal system includes costs incurred by the timber purchaser to log the timber and get the logged timber to the lumber mill.

The Western Wood Products Association (WWPA) cooperates with the agency to evaluate the lumber and other products values, provided by the timber purchasers to the WWPA, which the Forest Service uses to develop average value information for transaction evidence appraisals. This average value information enables Forest Service appraisers to better estimate the fair market value of a particular sale of National Forest System timber and helps the appraisers develop the prices that are advertised in local newspapers for the timber sale. The timber will be sold at not less than the appraised value and not below a minimum stumpage rate established by the Chief.

Timber purchasers also provide information on product values. Product values are the values of products that result from the harvested timber, such as lumber chips, plywood, and pressed board. The value of these products may vary from one geographical location to another. In many areas, product values may be purchased from the Western Wood Products Association.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:

Title: Timber Purchasers' Costs and Sales Data.

OMB Number: 0596-0017.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an information collection previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: Forest Service personnel will evaluate the collected information to facilitate the appraisal and sale of timber on National Forest System lands.

Forest Service timber appraisers will use a transaction evidence method of appraisal to update the selling values and advertised rates of National Forest System timber.

The Forest Service transaction evidence appraisal system includes costs incurred by the timber purchaser to log the timber and get the logged timber to the lumber mill. Timber purchasers will provide incurred cost information, upon written request from the Forest Service. The costs incurred by timber purchasers should include items similar to the following: (1) falling and bucking, (2) skidding and loading, and (3) hauling. The Forest Service will share this cost data with States and other Federal agencies for their use in developing appraisals of timber sales.

Forest Service personnel also will request product value information from timber sale purchasers. Timber purchasers will provide both the cost data and the product value information via surface mail or electronic mail, using their own report formats. Some timber sale purchasers, instead of sending the requested information to the agency, will provide on-site access to Forest Service personnel, so the information may be retrieved from the timber purchasers' files or electronic databases.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 1 hour.

Type of Respondents: Purchasers of National Forest System timber.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20 hours.

Comment Is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and