

inclusion in Codex standards, guidelines, and related texts. The Committee is hosted by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 29th Session of the Committee will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee from Other Codex Bodies.
- Guidelines for Use of Nutrition Claims: Draft Table of Conditions for Nutrient Contents: (Part B, containing provisions on Dietary Fibre).
- Draft Revised Standard for Gluten-Free Foods.
- Proposed Draft Revision of the Advisory List of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intended for Use by Infants and Young Children.
- Proposed Draft Recommendations on the Scientific Basis of Health Claims.
- Application of Risk Analysis Principles by the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses.
- Discussion Paper on the Proposals for Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes.
- Discussion Paper on the Production and Processing Standards Regarding the Nutritional Quality and Safety of Foods.
- Discussion Paper on the Proposal for New Work to Amend the Codex General Principles for the Addition of Essential Nutrients.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the German Secretariat prior to the Meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents at <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Public Meeting

At the September 25, 2007, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on these agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 29th session of CCNFSDU, Dr. Barbara Schneeman, at CCNFSDU@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 29th Session of the CCNFSDU.

Additional Public Notification

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ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2007_Notices_Index/. FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0034]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: First Session of the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are sponsoring a public meeting on September 24, 2007, to discuss the agenda items coming before the First Session of the Codex *Ad Hoc*

Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and to present draft U.S. positions on the agenda items. The First Session on AMR will be held in Seoul, Korea, October 23-26, 2007. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to comment on the agenda items that will be discussed at this forthcoming session on AMR.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2007, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107A Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC (Please enter USDA at the Whitten Building Entrance. If taking Metro, exit on the Mall side of the Smithsonian stop).

Documents related to the First Session of the AMR Task Force will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

For Further Information About the First Session on AMR Contact: U.S. Delegate, Dr. David White, Director, National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS), FDA, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Office of Research, 8401 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20798, Tel: (301) 210-4181, E-mail: david.white@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Edith Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720-5261, Fax: (202) 720-3157, E-mail: edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The Codex *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance was established by the 29th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in 2006. The Task Force is to develop science-based guidance to assess the risks to human health associated with

the presence in food and feed (including aquaculture) of antimicrobial resistant microorganisms and antimicrobial resistance genes and the transmission through food and feed of antimicrobial resistant microorganisms and antimicrobial resistance genes. The Task Force is also to develop appropriate risk management advice based on that assessment to reduce such risk. The Task Force, which is hosted by the Republic of Korea, is to complete its work within four sessions.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the First Session on AMR will be discussed during the September 24, 2007, public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee from Other Codex Bodies.
- Review of the Work by FAO, WHO and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on Antimicrobial Resistance.
- Consideration of the Elaboration of Standards, Guidelines or Other Texts on Antimicrobial Resistance (comments submitted in response to Circular Letter 2006/38-AMR).

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Korean Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents at <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Public Meeting

At the September 24, 2007, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on these agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate on AMR, Dr. David White, at david.white@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the First Session of the Task Force on AMR.

Additional Public Notification

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Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0035]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings of the full Committee and subcommittees on September 24-28, 2007. The Committee will discuss: (1) Assessment of the food safety importance of *Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis*, (2) Determination of the most appropriate technologies for the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to adopt in performing routine and baseline microbiological analyses, and (3) Parameters for inoculated-pack challenge study protocols.

DATES: The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Friday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The Subcommittee on Assessment of the

Food Safety Importance of *Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis* will hold an open meeting on Monday, September 24, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Subcommittee on Determination of the Most Appropriate Technologies for the FSIS to Adopt in Performing Routine and Baseline Microbiological Analyses will hold open meetings on Monday, September 24, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday, September 25 and Wednesday, September 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Subcommittee on parameters for Inoculated-Pack Challenge Study Protocols will hold open meetings on Wednesday, September 26 and Thursday, September 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The September 24-27, 2007, subcommittee meetings will be held at the Aerospace Center, 901 D. Street, SW., Rooms 369-371, Washington, DC 20024. The September 28, 2007, full Committee meeting will be held in the conference room at the south end of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cafeteria located in the South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2534 South Building, Washington, DC 20250, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2007_Notices_Index/.

FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting dates and post it on the FSIS Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&Events/. Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change due to the time required for Committee discussions; thus, sessions could start or end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend a particular session or participate in a public comment period.

Also, the official transcript of the September 28, 2007, full Committee meeting, when it becomes available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address and will also be posted on http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Meetings/.

The mailing address for the contact person is: Karen Thomas-Sharp, U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., 333 Aerospace Center, Washington, DC 20250-3766.