

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 64, No. 79

Monday, April 26, 1999

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-027N]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold a public meeting May 26-May 28, 1999 to review and discuss ongoing and completed issues on meat and poultry, fresh produce, risk assessments, and Qualification Through Verification (QTV).

DATES: The Meat and Poultry Working Group and the Risk Assessment Working Group on *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 1999, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The QTV Working Group and the Risk Assessment Working Group on *Listeria* will meet on Thursday, May 27, 1999, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Friday, May 28, 1999, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Ambassador West Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60601; telephone (312) 787-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons wishing to register for the meeting, schedule a presentation, submit technical papers, or provide comments should contact Ms. Mary Harris at (202) 501-7315, FAX (202) 501-7615, or e-mail address: mary.harris@usda.gov, or mailing address: FSIS, USDA, Room 6904E-Franklin Court, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All papers submitted must be

received no later than 4:30 p.m., May 6, 1999. All documents become part of the Committee records.

All other written comments must be submitted (one original and two copies) to the FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #99-027N, 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All written comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Harris by May 7, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NACMCF provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the microbiological safety of foods. The Committee also provides advice to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and to the Departments of Commerce and Defense. Dr. I. Kaye Wachsmuth, Deputy Administrator, Office of Public Health and Science, FSIS is the Committee Chair.

During the full Committee meeting, the Fresh Produce Working Group will submit a white paper on sprouts for adoption by the full Committee. The Risk Assessment Working Group will discuss issues related to the risk assessments being developed to examine the relationships of *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and their consequences to human health. The Meat and Poultry Working Group will discuss very small plant Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) guidelines and the potential for *Campylobacter* performance standards. A presentation will be made by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) on its Qualification Through Verification program, a voluntary user fee audit and verification service to assist fresh-cut produce companies to ensure the safety of their products. AMS will seek scientific review from the Committee on the food safety elements of the program.

Done at Washington, DC, on April 20, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,

Administrator.

[FR Doc. 99-10350 Filed 4-23-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-DM-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on May 6, 1999, at the Double Tree Hotel, Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon, 97217. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: information sharing on salmon restoration and recover from the Tribal perspective; continued discussion on integrating the forest plan into the management landscape; and progress reports on effectiveness monitoring and information issues. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-808-2180).

Dated: April 20, 1999.

Donald R. Knowles,

Designated Federal Official.

[FR Doc. 99-10343 Filed 4-23-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M