

encouraged to register early because space may be limited.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this public meeting will be to provide an opportunity for an open discussion of the current state of the science, and a review of technological and safety factors, relating to the detection and control of *Cyclospora* on fresh produce. The public meeting will also provide an opportunity for consideration of other issues and data pertaining to the recent foodborne disease outbreak associated with this organism and fresh berries and lettuce.

This meeting is of special interest to the fresh produce industry, public health associations, and health agencies of State and local governments. It will provide an occasion for an open discussion and exchange of information on the following topics: All relevant safety factors, current research accomplishments and future research, measures that would reduce the risk of future outbreaks, and related issues.

The agenda will include presentations on such topics as: (1) Outbreak data, (2) growing and harvesting practices, (3) traceback efforts, (4) research, and (5) related issues.

The agency is interested in learning about all aspects of production and distribution of fresh produce. Both oral and written comments are encouraged on the following topics: (1) Appropriate current good manufacturing practices, (2) the current availability of sanitizing agents to control the organism, (3) technological/intervention strategies now available or becoming available that appear to be effective control measures, and (4) related issues.

The agency is encouraging individuals with information and data on these matters to present their comments. The agency encourages interested persons to address relevant safety considerations, identification of needed research, what measures should be taken to reduce the risk of future outbreaks, and related issues.

Transcripts of the public meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript of the public meeting and submitted comments will be available for public examination at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Application of Good Guidance Practices to Revisions to the Shellfish Sanitation Model Ordinance

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Shellfish Sanitation Model Ordinance, which is part of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP), contains procedures for the harvesting and processing of raw molluscan shellfish that the States belonging to the ISSC should adhere to if their shellfish are to be acceptable to the other States in the ISSC. The Model Ordinance is a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guideline and, as such, is subject to FDA's policy relating to the development, issuance, and use of guidance documents. FDA is providing notice on how it intends to apply its policy on guidance documents to any revisions of the Model Ordinance that may result from the meeting of the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) scheduled for July 12 through 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for copies of the issues that will be considered by the ISSC in July to Kenneth Moore, Executive Director, Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference, 115 Atrium Way, suite 117, Columbia, SC 29233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul DiStefano, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-415), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Program for Molluscan Shellfish

FDA is responsible for enforcing, among other laws, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and certain portions of the Public Health Service Act. These laws require that all foods shipped in interstate commerce, including molluscan shellfish, be prepared, packed, and held under sanitary conditions that will protect their safety; that they be honestly and informatively labeled; and that the food itself be safe, clean, and sanitary. FDA

is authorized to accept assistance from State and local authorities in the enforcement of laws to prevent and to suppress the spread of communicable disease (42 U.S.C. 243 and 21 U.S.C. 372).

This latter authority gave rise to the NSSP, which was initiated in 1925 and has continued to date as a voluntary FDA, State, and shellfish industry program. The safety of raw molluscan shellfish for human consumption begins with ensuring the quality of the water in which these sedentary organisms are grown and from which they are harvested. These waters are mostly State resources. Consequently, the NSSP is based on the premise that public health controls for raw molluscan shellfish can best be accomplished under State laws with Federal technical support and industry participation.

The success of the NSSP is largely dependent on the States adopting and implementing recommended requirements for the operation of effective programs. These recommended requirements, which traditionally have been incorporated into the NSSP "Manual of Operations," relate to the proper ways to classify and monitor shellfish growing areas, to harvest and process shellfish, to inspect processors, and to address other related matters.

The ISSC consists of agencies from shellfish producing and receiving States, FDA, the National Marine Fisheries Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the shellfish industry. A primary purpose of the ISSC has been to provide a formal structure for these entities to provide input on the Manual of Operations.

Recently, the ISSC has chosen to reconstitute the Manual of Operations in the form of a Shellfish Sanitation Model Ordinance in order to facilitate uniform adoption by the member States. The use of the Model Ordinance is expected to begin on January 1, 1998. The Model Ordinance is an FDA guideline and as such, is subject to the policy of FDA relating to the development, issuance, and use of guidance documents, as expressed in the **Federal Register** of February 27, 1997 (62 FR 8961 at 8969 through 8971).

Since the Manual of Operations was written, FDA has published the manual and periodic revisions to it and has issued interpretations of its provisions. The agency expects to do the same with the Model Ordinance. FDA performs this function in accordance with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) entered into in 1984 between FDA and the ISSC.

The Model Ordinance is revised through a process that begins with

discussion and voting at a meeting of the ISSC, usually its annual meeting. Revisions that have been agreed upon by the ISSC are forwarded to FDA for inclusion in the Model Ordinance. The agency may reject any revisions that conflict with Federal laws, regulations, or policies.

This year's meeting of the ISSC will take place in Sturbridge, MA, July 12 through 18, 1997. The ISSC and its meeting are open to all persons interested in fostering controls that will assure sources of safe and sanitary shellfish.

II. FDA's Guidance Documents Policy

As stated previously, although it is the States that use the Model Ordinance, this document is a Federal guideline. It is thus subject to FDA's policy regarding the issuance of guidance documents. It is FDA policy that the public be afforded the opportunity to comment on guidance documents, either before implementation or upon issuance, depending on whether the guidance document is classified as Level 1 or Level 2 guidance (see 62 FR 8961 at 8965).

Guidance documents are typically developed within the agency and lend themselves to a relatively simple notice and comment procedure. However, the annual meeting of the ISSC has, in the past, provided an essential forum for the development of revisions to the Manual of Operations. FDA expects this to continue to be the case with the Model Ordinance. Given the Federal-State cooperative nature of the program, FDA strongly believes that the participatory process that occurs at this meeting serves many of the purposes and principles set forth in the agency's guidance documents policy. Moreover, FDA expects to publish a notice of availability of the Model Ordinance after the work of the July ISSC meeting is complete.

FDA is also advising the public that the issues to be discussed at the July ISSC meeting are now available and may be obtained from the Executive Director of the ISSC at the address provided above. Information on how to attend the meeting may also be obtained from the Executive Director.

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William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N-0092]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food" has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret R. Wolff, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of March 21, 1997 (62 FR 13648), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0186. The approval expires on May 31, 2000. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the SAMHSA Special Emphasis Panel I in July.

A summary of the meeting and a roster of the members may be obtained from: Ms. Dee Herman, Committee Management Liaison, SAMHSA Office of Extramural Activities Review, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 17-89, Rockville,

Maryland 20857. Telephone: 301-443-4783.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the individual named as Contact for the meeting listed below.

The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual grant applications. These discussions could reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. Accordingly, this meeting is concerned with matters exempt from mandatory disclosure in Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d).

Committee Name: SAMHSA Special Emphasis Panel I (SEP I).

Meeting Dates: July 13-16, 1997.

Place: Park Hyatt Washington, 1201 24th Street, NW, The Victoria Park Boardroom, Washington, DC 20037.

Closed: July 13, 1997, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; July 14-15, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; July 16, 1997, 8:30 a.m.—adjournment.

Panel: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Workplace Managed Care.

Contact: Pamela C. Roddy, Ph.D., Room 17-89, Parklawn Building, Telephone: 301-443-1001 and FAX: 301-443-3437.

Dated: June 20, 1997.

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Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-707102

Applicant: Priour Brothers Ranch, Ingram, TX

The applicant requests the renewal of their permit to cull excess male captive-bred Eld's brow-antlered deer (*Cervus eldi*), swamp deer (=barasingha) (*Cervus duvauceli*), and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*) via sport-hunting. Interstate and foreign commerce and export authorization are also requested as animals are to be hunted by U.S. and foreign citizens.