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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-036N]

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 November 14-15, 2001, to review and discuss two issues: (1) Retail Store Exemption-FSIS Current Thinking, and (2) Modernizing Standards of Identity for Meat and Poultry Products. Two subcommittees of the full Committee will also meet on November 14, 2001, to work on issues discussed during the full Committee session. All interested parties are welcome to attend the meetings and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee will review and discuss.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 14, and Thursday, November 15, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Subcommittees will hold open meetings on Wednesday, November 14, 2001 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All Committee meetings will take place at the Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 842-1300. The full committee will meet in The National Hall on November 14-15, 2001. 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>. A summary of the agenda may also be obtained from the contacts listed below. Submit one original and two copies of written comments to FSIS Docket Room,

Docket #01-036N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 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 FSIS Docket Room at the address provided above. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for reviewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles L. Gioglio for technical information at (202) 205-0256 and Sonya L. West for meeting information at (202) 720-2561, FAX (202) 205-0157, or e-mail sonya.west@usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. West by November 6, 2001, at the above numbers or by e-mail. Information is also available on FSIS Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 19, 2001, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the NACMPI. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the 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 Administrator of FSIS 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; State government officials; and academia. The current members of the NACMPI are: Dr. Gladys Bayse, Spelman College; Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority; Sandra Eskin, American Association of Retired Persons; Carol Tucker Foreman, Food Policy Institute, Consumer Federation of America; Michael Govro, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Martin Holmes, North American Meat Processors; Dr. Lee C. Jan, Texas Department of Health; Dr. Alice

Johnson, National Food Processors Association; Collette Schutlz Kaster, Premium Standard Farms; Dr. Daniel E. LaFontaine, South Carolina Meat Poultry Inspection Department; Dr. Irene Leech, Virginia Tech; Charles Link, Cargill Turkey Products; Dr. Catherine Logue, North Dakota State University; Michael Mamminga, Iowa Department of Agriculture; Dr. Dale Morse, New York Office of Public Health; and John Neal, Courseys Smoked Meats.

The Committee has two standing subcommittees to deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole Committee.

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

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 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 effect 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.

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Done at Washington, DC on: October 30, 2001.

Margaret O'K. Glavin,
Acting Administrator.

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