

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](mailto:david.white@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the First Session of the Task Force on AMR.

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Done at Washington, DC on: September 17, 2007.

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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/](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/](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/](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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the September 28, plenary session should contact Karen Thomas-Sharp, phone (202) 690-6620, fax (202) 690-6334, e-mail: [Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov) or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mrs. Thomas-Sharp by September 17, 2007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS Internet Web page at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF\\_Charter/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Charter/).

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Dr. Richard Raymond, Under Secretary for Food Safety, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is the Committee Chair; Dr. Robert E. Brackett, Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

At the subcommittee meetings the week of September 24-27, 2007 the groups will discuss:

- Assessment of the food safety importance of *Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis*,
- The determination of the most appropriate technologies for the FSIS adopt in performing routine and baseline microbiological analyses, and
- Parameters for inoculated pack challenge study protocols.

**Documents Reviewed by NACMCF**

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**Alfred V. Almanza,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting on September 21, 2007, in Quincy, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to review applications for Cycle 7 funding and select projects to be recommended to the Plumas or Lassen National Forest Supervisor for calendar year 2008 funding consideration. The funding is available under the Title II provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

*Date & Address:* The meeting will take place from 9-4 at the Mineral Building-Plumas/Sierra County Fairgrounds, 208 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Or for special Lee Anne Schramel Taylor, Forest Coordinator, USDA, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500/159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971; (530) 283-7850; or by e-mail [eataylor@fs.fed.us](mailto:eataylor@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items for the September 21 meeting include: (1) Forest Service Update; (2) Future Legislation Potential; and (3) Recommendations for funding distribution, potentially including current Cycle 6 projects not yet approved. The meetings are open to the public and individuals may address the Committee after being recognized by the Chair. Other RAC information including previous meeting agendas and minutes