

effectiveness, incorporate direct oversight of establishment sorting activities and a combination of organoleptical and microbiological sampling at a level sufficient to detect noncompliance, and agree to proceed collaboratively with FSIS during the development of new HACCP-based inspection models, the United States would be willing to accept meat produced by establishments that participate in the \* \* \* trials."

In August 1998, AQIS submitted its proposal for a new slaughter inspection system described as the "Meat Safety Enhancement Program" (MSEP). Copies are available from the FSIS Docket Clerk.

#### Determination of Equivalence

As a result of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (commonly referred to as the "SPS Agreement"), contracting parties, including the United States, are committed to harmonizing their human, animal, and plant health import requirements by basing their sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) import requirements on "equivalent" sanitary measures or standards. Among other things, the SPS Agreement obliges the United States to respond to requests by other contracting parties to establish the equivalence of specified meat and poultry processing measures with those of the United States.

The Australian Government has formally requested that the United States consider its MSEP proposal to pilot-test a revised slaughter inspection system. FSIS has conducted a review of the AQIS MSEP document with particular emphasis on three criteria:

- (1) Does the MSEP adequately respond to oversight concerns raised by FSIS in its November 7, 1997 letter (referenced above)?
- (2) Does the MSEP meet all conditions presented by FSIS in its February 3, 1998 letter (referenced above)?
- (3) Does the MSEP provide an equivalent level of public health protection guaranteed by FSIS slaughter inspection methods?

FSIS has reviewed the MSEP document, and it appears that these three criteria are appropriately met in that direct continuous Federal oversight and verification of establishment slaughter operations would be provided for and all other specified conditions have been met. Additionally, FSIS has compared MSEP sanitary measures with those provided by its HACCP-based Inspection Models Project, and finds that these two programs appear to be conceptually similar in design.

However, before making any decisions or taking any action on the

MSEP document, FSIS has decided to request public comment on it.

Done at Washington, D.C. on: January 8, 1999.

**Thomas J. Billy,**

*Administrator.*

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### ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

#### Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. This document gives notice of the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee).

**DATES:** The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 8 and 9, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at 1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, in the third floor training room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Wakefield, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111.

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wakefield@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site at <http://www.access-board.gov/notices/eitaacmtg.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 29, 1998, the Access Board published a notice appointing 23 members to its Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee). 63 FR 51891 (September 29, 1998). The Committee will make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility

standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. The Committee is composed of Federal agencies and Federal contractors; the electronic and information technology industry; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; and other persons affected by accessibility standards for electronic and information technology. At its first meeting on October 15 and 16, 1998, the Committee took the following actions:

- Added Compaq Computers, Pitney Bowes, Sun Microsystems, and the Information Technology Industry Council to the Committee;
- Formed three subcommittees. One subcommittee will examine the definitions needed for the recommended standards. Another subcommittee will examine the various functions that are performed by electronic and information technology. These functions include creating, processing, transmitting, and interacting with information and the technology involved. A third subcommittee will begin the process of classifying the variety of products covered by the standards into product families;
- Created a listserv to facilitate communications between meetings. To subscribe to the listserv send an e-mail message to: [listproc@trace.wisc.edu](mailto:listproc@trace.wisc.edu); and
- Established a schedule of meeting dates. In addition to the meeting on February 8-9, 1999, the Committee will meet again on March 29-30, 1999 and, May 11-12, 1999.

At its second meeting on December 1 and 2, 1998, the Committee addressed the scope of the standards it will be recommending to the Access Board. This included defining the term "electronic and information technology." A three person group was appointed to develop a recommended definition and present it to the Committee at its January meeting.

Additionally, four subcommittees were formed. These include: installation and setup, information presentation, control and operation, and user information. The subcommittees will examine these specific areas and identify access barriers in each area, and recommend standards that could lower or eliminate these barriers. The subcommittees will continue their work on the listserv.

During the January meeting, the committee adopted a working definition for electronic and information technology based on the definition of information technology in the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (40 U.S.C. 1401(3)).

The four subcommittees, created during the December meeting, continued work on their specified areas.

The meetings are open to the public. There will be a public comment period each day for persons interested in presenting their views to the Committee. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real-time transcription will be available.

**Lawrence W. Roffee,**

*Executive Director.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and  
Transportation Barriers Compliance  
Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and  
Transportation Barriers Compliance  
Board (Access Board) has established an  
advisory committee to assist it in  
developing a proposed rule on  
accessibility guidelines for newly  
constructed and altered passenger  
vessels covered by the Americans with  
Disabilities Act. This document gives  
notice of the dates, times, and location  
of the next meeting of the Passenger  
Vessel Access Advisory Committee  
(Committee).

**DATES:** The next meeting of the  
Committee is scheduled for February 4  
through 6, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at  
1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, in  
the third floor training room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul  
Beatty, Office of Technical and  
Information Services, Architectural and  
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Board's Internet Site at [http://  
www.access-board.gov/notices/  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
Architectural and Transportation

Barriers Compliance Board (Access  
Board) established a Passenger Vessel  
Access Advisory Committee  
(Committee) to assist the Board in  
developing proposed accessibility  
guidelines for newly constructed and  
altered passenger vessels covered by the  
Americans with Disabilities Act. 63 FR  
43136 (August 12, 1998). The  
Committee is composed of owners and  
operators of various passenger vessels;  
persons who design passenger vessels;  
organizations representing individuals  
with disabilities; and other individuals  
affected by the Board's guidelines.

The Committee will meet on the dates  
and at the location announced in this  
notice. The meeting is open to the  
public. The facility is accessible to  
individuals with disabilities.  
Individuals who require sign language  
interpreters or real-time captioning  
systems should contact Paul Beatty by  
January 26, 1999. Persons attending the  
meetings are strongly encouraged to use  
public transportation since parking is  
extremely limited. The accessible  
entrance to the Metro Center Metro  
Station is located approximately three  
blocks from the meeting site.

**Lawrence W. Roffee,**

*Executive Director.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From  
People Who Are Blind or Severely  
Disabled

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to and  
deletion from procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received  
proposals to add to the Procurement List  
commodities and services to be  
furnished by nonprofit agencies  
employing persons who are blind or  
have other severe disabilities, and to  
delete a commodity previously  
furnished by such agencies.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR  
BEFORE:** February 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase  
From People Who Are Blind or Severely  
Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310,  
1215 Jefferson Davis Highway,  
Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This  
notice is published pursuant to 41

U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its  
purpose is to provide interested persons  
an opportunity to submit comments on  
the possible impact of the proposed  
actions.

### Additions

If the Committee approves the  
proposed additions, all entities of the  
Federal Government (except as  
otherwise indicated) will be required to  
procure the commodities and services  
listed below from nonprofit agencies  
employing persons who are blind or  
have other severe disabilities. I certify  
that the following action will not have  
a significant impact on a substantial  
number of small entities. The major  
factors considered for this certification  
were:

1. The action will not result in any  
additional reporting, recordkeeping or  
other compliance requirements for small  
entities other than the small  
organizations that will furnish the  
commodities and services to the  
Government.

2. The action will result in  
authorizing small entities to furnish the  
commodities and services to the  
Government.

3. There are no known regulatory  
alternatives which would accomplish  
the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-  
O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in  
connection with the commodities and  
services proposed for addition to the  
Procurement List. Comments on this  
certification are invited. Commenters  
should identify the statement(s)  
underlying the certification on which  
they are providing additional  
information.

The following commodities and  
services have been proposed for  
addition to Procurement List for  
production by the nonprofit agencies  
listed:

#### Commodities

Cups, Paper, Disposable, Hot  
7350-00-205-1182  
7350-00-290-0588  
7350-00-988-6498

NPA: The Lighthouse for the Blind in New  
Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Services

Food Service Attendant, Eglin Air Force  
Base, Florida

NPA: Lakeview Center, Inc., Pensacola,  
Florida

Laundry Service, Naval Hospital, Camp  
Pendleton, California

NPA: Job Options, Inc., San Diego, California  
Operation of Individual Equipment Element

Store, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia

NPA: Georgia Industries for the Blind,  
Bainbridge, Georgia