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Contact John O’Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720–0345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Accredited Laboratory Program Annual Contact Update Form.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53) as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products and Inspection Act (PPA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). FSIS protects the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and correctly labeled.

In addition, the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 138–138i) provides authority for the accreditation of non-Federal laboratories. Under these provisions, FSIS accredits non-Federal laboratories as eligible to perform analysis on official regulatory meat and poultry samples.

Non-Federal laboratories that are part of the FSIS Accredited Laboratory Program will annually complete the FSIS Accredited Laboratory Program Annual Contact Update form. FSIS will use the information collected by the form to maintain necessary contact information for responsibly connected personnel at the laboratories (see 9 CFR 439.20 (e) and 9 CFR 439.1(w)). The completed FSIS Accredited Laboratory Program Annual Contact Update form will also inform the Agency if a laboratory, or responsibly connected person or entity, has been charged, indicted, or convicted of any crime listed in 9 CFR 439.52. If a laboratory or a responsibly connected person or entity has been charged or indicted of such a crime, FSIS will suspend the laboratory from the Accredited Laboratory Program (9 CFR 439.52). If a laboratory or a responsibly connected person or entity has been convicted of such a crime, FSIS will revoke the laboratory’s accreditation (9 CFR 439.53).

FSIS has made the following estimates on the basis of an information collection assessment.

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it takes respondents an average of 30 hours per year to complete the forms.

Respondents: Accredited Laboratories.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 60.

Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 30 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O’Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720–0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent both to FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

Responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: April 18, 2013.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2013–0018]

**Codex Alimentarius Commission:
Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius
Commission**

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is sponsoring a public meeting on June 18, 2013. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Codex Alimentarius

Commission (CAC), which will take place July 1–5, 2013 in Rome, Italy. The Under Secretary for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the session and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at The Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 36th Session of the CAC will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codealimentary.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 36th Session of the CAC invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

Call in Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 36th Session of the CAC, by conference call, Please use the call in number and participant code listed below:

Call in Number: 1–888–858–2144.

Participant Code: 6208658.

For Further Information About the 36th Session of the CAC Contact: Barbara McNiff, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, Tel: (202) 690–4719 Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: Barbara.Mcniff@fsis.usda.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Jasmine Curtis, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4865, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, Tel: (202) 690–1124 Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: Jasmine.Curtis@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in the food trade.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 36th Session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Report by the Chairperson on the 68th Session of the Executive Committee
- Reports of FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees and Appointment of Regional Coordinators
- Proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual/Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual
- Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure) and Comments on Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted to the Commission for adoption
- Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5 and Comments on Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5
- Revocation of Existing Codex Standards and Related Texts
- Amendments to the Codex Standards and Related Texts
- Proposals for the Elaboration of New Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work
- Matters referred to the Commission by Codex Committees and Task Forces
- Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
 - (a) General Implementation Status
 - (b) Draft Codex Strategic Plan 2014–2019
- Financial and Budgetary Matters
- Matters arising from FAO and WHO
 - (a) FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
 - (b) Other Matters arising from FAO and WHO
- Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations
- Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and Appointment of the Coordinators
- Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces and Schedule of Sessions 2014–2015
- Other Business

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the June 18, 2013, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be 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 for the 36th Session of CAC (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 36th session of the CAC.

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Done at Washington, DC, on April 18, 2013.

Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2013-0005]

Interagency Risk Assessment—*Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Delicatessens: Notice of a Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Food and Drug Administration/Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (FDA/CFSAN) are holding a public meeting on May 22, 2013, to present the background, approach, scope, and findings of the draft “Interagency Risk Assessment—*L. monocytogenes* in Retail Delicatessens.” The purpose of this draft quantitative risk assessment (QRA) is to evaluate the public health impact of changes in retail delicatessen (deli) practices and potential interventions to reduce or prevent *L. monocytogenes* contamination in ready-to-eat (RTE) foods that are sliced, prepared, or packaged in retail facilities. FSIS and FDA invite interested individuals, organizations, and other stakeholders to participate in the meeting and to provide comments on the draft QRA.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on May 22, 2013 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EDT. Submit either electronic or written comments to FSIS June 24, 2013.

A copy of the agenda will be made available for viewing prior to the meeting on FSIS’s Web site at www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Washington, DC, on May 22, 2013, in the USDA Jefferson Auditorium (South Building), 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Attendees must provide a photo ID to enter the building. The Jefferson Auditorium is located between Wings 5 and 6 in the South Building. Attendees should enter

the building via Wing 5 or 7 on 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW. After 9:30 a.m., attendees should enter the building via the Wing 1 entrance.

Registration: Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. Pre-registration for this meeting is encouraged. To pre-register, access the FSIS Web site, http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/.

Contact Joan Lindenberger for more information on logistics at (202) 720-0284. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Lindenberger by May 13, 2013.

Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- **Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:** Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- **Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:** Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2013-0005. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janell Kause, Scientific Advisor for Risk Assessment, Office of Public Health Science, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 355 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20024; Telephone: (202) 690-0286, FAX: (202) 690-6337, Email: Janell.Kause@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FSIS and FDA will issue a draft quantitative risk assessment (QRA), “Interagency Risk Assessment—*Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Delicatessens”

for public comment prior to the public meeting. This draft QRA provides a scientific assessment of the risk of foodborne illness associated with consumption of RTE foods (i.e., deli meats, cheese, and deli salads) commonly prepared and sold in the deli of a retail food store and examines how that risk may be impacted by changes to common or recommended practices. FSIS and FDA have involved stakeholders and the public in the development of this QRA to ensure its utility.

A request for comments, scientific data, and information for this QRA was published in the **Federal Register** on January 21, 2009 (Ref. 1). In addition, FSIS and FDA held a public meeting on June 23, 2009, to present the background, approach, scope, and data needs for this QRA (Ref. 2) (transcripts are available for viewing by the public in the FSIS docket room and on the FSIS Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Listeria-Transcript_062309.pdf).

II. Purpose of the Meeting and Agenda

The purpose of the meeting on May 22, 2013, is to present the background, approach, and findings of the draft “Interagency Risk Assessment—*Listeria monocytogenes* in Retail Delicatessens,” and gather public input.

A copy of the agenda will be made available for viewing prior to the meeting on FSIS’s Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/.

The meeting agenda will include presentations on background information relevant to *L. monocytogenes* at retail and data commissioned to fill specific risk assessment data needs, the overall risk assessment modeling approach, and findings. Time will be provided for questions and comments from the participants.

III. Transcripts

Please be advised that as soon as a transcript is available, it will be accessible at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The transcript may be viewed at FSIS Docket Room, Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and will also be posted on the Agency Web site (<http://www.fsis.usda.gov>).

IV. References

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