

meeting, "Demonstration Projects for Small Plants." This meeting will focus on the problems and techniques of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems implementation and operation in "small" and "very small" plants.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 31, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Back of the South Building Cafeteria (between the 2nd and 3rd Wings).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, call (800) 485-4429, FAX (202) 501-7642, or E-mail usdafs/s=confer@mhs.attmail.com. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations, contact Ms. Shelia Johnson at (202) 501-7138 by October 25, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 1996, FSIS published a final rule, "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems" (61 FR 38805). This rule introduced sweeping changes to the meat and poultry inspection system. In the preamble of the rule, FSIS stated that the Agency plans to conduct HACCP demonstration projects for "small" and "very small" establishments, as defined in the final rule.

To discuss the demonstration projects, FSIS will hold the meeting, "Demonstration Projects for Small Plants." The purpose of the meeting is to identify effective teaching and technical assistance approaches for HACCP training, discuss examples of successful "small" and "very small" plant hazard analyses and HACCP plan development, and identify materials, technical assistance, and organizations that can assist small plants. Representatives from the Federal Government, State governments, academia, trade associations, and "small" and "very small" plant owners/operators have been invited to participate. FSIS encourages "small" and "very small" plant owners/operators to attend and present their views.

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Michael R. Taylor,
Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.
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9 CFR Parts 304, 308, 310, 320, 327, 381, 416, and 417

[Docket No. 93-016-8N]

Federal/State Conference on Food Safety

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration, will hold a conference, "Federal/State Conference on Food Safety." This conference will focus on how FSIS and State agencies can effectively allocate resources at the Federal, State, and local levels of governments to improve food safety.

DATES: The conference will be held on October 30, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the Doubletree Park Terrace Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 232-7000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the conference, call (800) 485-4429, FAX (202) 501-7642, or E-mail usdafs/s=confer@mhs.attmail.com. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations, contact Ms. Shelia Johnson at (202) 501-7138 by October 25, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 1996, FSIS published a final rule, "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems" (61 FR 38805). This rule introduced sweeping changes to the meat and poultry inspection system. In the preamble of the rule, FSIS addressed "Farm-to-Table" strategies which include preventive approaches to hazards that occur during, transportation, distribution, and retail sale of meat and poultry products. To effect these strategies, close coordination between Federal and State governments is necessary.

FSIS is holding the "Federal/State Conference on Food Safety" to discuss "Farm-to-Table" strategies. The conference will focus on issues related to respective roles and responsibilities and coordination between the states and the Federal Government. Representatives from USDA, the Food and Drug Administration, the Center for Disease Control, and State food safety agencies have been invited to participate.

Done at Washington, DC, on: October 21, 1996.

Michael R. Taylor,
Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.
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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 791

Rules of NCUA Board Procedure; Promulgation of NCUA Rules and Regulations; Public Observation of NCUA Board Meetings

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends NCUA's current regulations on NCUA Board procedure by providing that items will be placed on the Board agenda by determination of the Chairman or at the request of any two Board members. This amendment more clearly defines the authority of the Board members in setting the agenda.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective October 25, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Fenner, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, at the above address or telephone (703) 518-6540. E-mail questions may be sent to ogcmail@ncua.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NCUA's Rules of Board Procedure, 12 CFR part 791, govern the manner in which the Board acts on behalf of NCUA; the conduct, scheduling and subject matter of Board meetings, the use of notation votes, and the recording of Board actions. Prior to this amendment, Section 791.6(a) vested final authority to determine the agenda for a particular Board meeting with the Chairman.

The NCUA Board has determined that any two Board members shall have the ability to have an item considered by the Board within 60 days of a written request that includes an NCUA "B-1 Form" and a Board Action Memorandum. Accordingly, section 791.6(a) is amended to provide that the Chairman determines the *order* of the meeting agenda, and that items shall be placed on the agenda either by determination of the Chairman, or within 60 days of the submission of such a request by any two Board members. At the same time, section 791.6(b) is amended to clarify that *recommended* agenda items may be submitted by Board members and Office

Directors; actual agenda items are determined by the Chairman and Board.

Immediate Effective Date

Because this amendment concerns rules of NCUA Board procedure, prior notice and public comment are not required by 5 U.S.C. 553, and the rule is effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

Regulatory Procedures

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the NCUA hereby certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. This rule affects internal NCUA Board operations only. Thus, it will not result in additional burden for regulated institutions. The purpose of this rule is to enhance the operations of the NCUA Board.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The amendments do not contain any collection of information requirements.

Executive Order 12612

The rule, like the provision of part 791 it replaces, only applies to the NCUA Board. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the rule will not have a substantial direct effect on the states, on the relationship between that national government and the states, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among various levels of government. Further, the rule will not preempt provisions of state law or regulations.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 791

Administrative practice and procedure, Sunshine Act.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on October 16, 1996.
Becky Baker,
Secretary of the Board.

Accordingly, NCUA amends 12 CFR part 791 as follows:

PART 791—RULES OF NCUA BOARD PROCEDURE; PROMULGATION OF NCUA RULES AND REGULATIONS; PUBLIC OBSERVATION OF NCUA BOARD MEETINGS

1. The authority citation for Part 791 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1766, 1789 and 5 U.S.C. 552b.

2. Section 791.6 is revised to read as follows:

§ 791.6 Subject matter of a meeting.

(a) *Agenda.* The Chairman is responsible for the final order of each meeting agenda. Items shall be placed on the agenda by determination of the Chairman, or within 60 days of receipt of a written request from two Board members that includes an NCUA B-1 form and a Board Action Memorandum.

(b) *Submission of recommended agenda items.* Recommended agenda items may be submitted to the Secretary of the Board by Board members, the Executive Staff (which includes all Office Directors and President of the Central Liquidity Facility), and Regional Directors.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 284

[Docket No. RM96-1-001; Order No. 587-A]

Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

ACTION: Final rule; Order denying rehearing.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is denying a request for rehearing of its final rule revising the Commission's regulations to require interstate natural gas pipelines to follow standardized procedures for critical business practices—nominations; allocations, balancing, and measurement; invoicing; and capacity release—and standardized mechanisms for electronic communication between the pipelines and those with whom they do business. (61 FR 39053 (July 26, 1996)). The order reaffirms the Commission's determination to incorporate by reference into its regulations standards promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board.

DATES: The regulations were effective August 26, 1996, and are to be implemented based on a staggered scheduling with *pro forma* tariff filings in October through December, 1996 and corresponding implementation in April through June, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington DC 20426.

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