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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-008N]

Beef Products Contaminated With *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public meeting on March 8, 1999, to discuss the policies addressed in its January 19, 1999, **Federal Register** notice, Beef Products Contaminated with *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) 0157:H7. The purpose of the meeting is to consider policy and regulatory changes to ensure that consumers are protected against meat products adulterated with *E. coli* 0157:H7. The Agency also solicits information on non-intact beef products, including ground beef, injected beef, and trimmings, for use in the Agency's risk assessment on *E. coli* 0157:H7 in beef products.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 8, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written comments must be received by March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street, NW, Washington DC. To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Shiela Johnson by telephone at (202) 501-7305 or (202) 501-7138 or by FAX at (202) 501-7642. If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is necessary, contact Ms. Johnson at the above numbers by March 4, 1999. If you are planning to present an oral comment at the meeting, please submit one original and two copies of the prepared comment to the FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 99-008N, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW,

Washington, DC 20250-3700. Send one original and two copies of all other comments to the Docket Clerk at the address listed above. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Engeljohn, Ph.D. Director, Regulations Development and Analysis Division, Office of Policy, Program Development, and Evaluation, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 112 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone number (202) 720-5627, fax number (202) 690-0486.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 19, 1999, FSIS published the notice "Beef Products Contaminated with *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7" in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 2803). This notice contained FSIS' policy regarding beef products, including raw grown beef and non-intact beef products, contaminated with *E. coli* 0157:H7. The notice also afforded the public an opportunity to submit comments and recommendations regarding the Agency's policy and any regulatory requirements that might be appropriate to prevent the distribution of beef products adulterated with *E. coli* 0157:H7.

In addition to the opportunities for comment provided in the notice, FSIS has decided to hold a public meeting on March 8, 1999. The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to comment and discuss the policy announced in the January 19, 1999, notice and the public health risks associated with beef products contaminated with *E. coli* 0157:H7. Also, participants will be able to comment on FSIS's intention to expand its risk assessment of *E. coli* 0157:H7, which was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1998, (63 FR 44232) to include all non-intact beef products.

The Agency intends to make available a set of questions and answers that reflect its current thinking about its *E. coli* 0157:H7 policy. The Agency will announce the availability of this document in its Constituent Alert.

Done at Washington, DC, on February 25, 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 March 29 and 30, 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. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 39 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail address: 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.; and
- Established a schedule of meeting dates. In addition to the meeting on March 29–30, 1999, the Committee will meet again on 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.

At its third meeting on January 5–6, 1999, 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 Committee met for the fourth time on February 8–9, 1999, and shifted from identifying access barriers to developing functional standards to address the access barriers. A draft final report is expected to be discussed at the Committee's next meeting in March. The Committee also heard presentations from the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council on how the Federal Acquisition Regulations are promulgated; a presentation by a vice president of the American National Standards Institute on how conformity to standards takes place; and, a member of the Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council who briefed the Committee on the duties of an agency's CIO.

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 April 21 through 23, 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 Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004–1111. Telephone number (202) 272–5434 extension 19 (Voice); (202) 272–5449 (TTY). E-mail address: pvaac@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/pvaacmtg.htm>.

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 April 12, 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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CENSUS MONITORING BOARD

Census Monitoring Board Meeting

February 22, 1999.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice, in compliance with PL 105–119, sets forth the meeting date, time and place for the third business meeting of the full Census