

4, Health Certificate-Export Certificate-Animal Products, is used to meet these requirements. Regulations pertaining to export certification of animals and animal products are contained in 9 CFR parts 91 and 156.

**Need and Use of the Information:** Form VS 16-4 serves as the official certification that the United States is free of rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, bovine fever, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia. APHIS will collect the about the exporter, type of product exported, and type of conveyance (ship, train, truck) that will transport the products. Without the information, many countries would not accept animal products from the United States, creating a serious trade imbalance and adversely affecting U.S. exporters.

**Description of Respondents:** Individuals or households; Business or other-for-profit; Federal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 30,000.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 60,000.

#### Forest Service

**Title:** Interpretive Services at Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Inyo National Forest.

**OMB Control Number:** 0596-NEW.

**Summary of Collection:** Pub. L. 95-307 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to research the multiple uses and products, including recreation of forest and rangeland so as to facilitate their most effective use. As part of Forest Service's (FS) continuing research effort to develop and try alternative approaches for evaluating recreational services on public lands, this information collection will focus entirely on visitors to the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Inyo National Forest of California, which is an important tourist destination. The information collected will help forest managers better understand how and why visitors use the interpretive opportunities provided and ways to improve service delivery. FS researchers will use three methods to collect information: (1) On-site observation of site use, (2) an interview, or (3) a self-administered written questionnaire.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FS will collect information about the following: (1) Visitors' use of interpretation and resource information services, (2) basic visitors' demographic characteristics, (3) visitors' motive, needs, and expectations for the visit, (4) visitors' motives, needs, and preferences for interpretive services, (5) the overall

effectiveness of interpretive services, (6) how visitors obtain information about the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest and what types of information they desire or prefer, (7) ways to develop effective new or different educational programs, and (8) satisfaction levels. Results will be provided to resource managers in the areas studied, as well as to managers across the United States, to enable more effective management of these lands.

**Description of Respondents:**

Individual or households.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,000.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 333.

#### Food Safety and Inspection Service

**Title:** Advanced Meat Recovery Systems.

**OMB Control Number:** 0583-0130.

**Summary of Collection:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS requires that official establishments that produce meat from Advanced Meat Recovery (AMR) systems assess the age of cattle product used in the system, document their testing protocols and procedures for handling product in a manner that does not cause the product to be misbranded or adulterated, and maintain records of their documentation and test results.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FSIS will collect information from establishments to ensure that the meat product produced by the use of AMR systems is free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 56.

**Frequency of Responses:** Recordkeeping; Reporting: Other (Daily).

**Total Burden Hours:** 25,256.

#### Rural Business Service

**Title:** 7 CFR 4284-G, Rural Business Opportunity Grants.

**OMB Control Number:** 0570-0024.

**Summary of Collection:** The Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program was authorized by section 741 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104-127. 7 CFR 4284-G provides the detailed program regulations and

requirements for reporting and application procedures for grant recipients. The objective of the RBOG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through grants made by the Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS) to public and private non-profit organizations and cooperatives to pay costs of economic development planning and technical assistance for rural businesses.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The information collected is from grant applicants and recipients. Grantees should keep complete and accurate accounting records as evidence that the grant funds were used properly. The information is necessary for RBS to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees' activities to ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately.

**Description of Respondents:** Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 210.

**Frequency of Responses:** Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly.

**Total Burden Hours:** 16,275.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture Meeting

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21).

**DATES:** June 3-4, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first day and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the second day. Written requests to make oral presentations at the meeting must be received by the contact person identified herein at least three business days before the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Vista C Room at the Wyndham Washington Hotel, 1400 M

Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Requests to make oral presentations at the meeting may be sent to the contact person at USDA, Office of the Deputy Secretary, 202 B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Independence Avenues, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250; Telephone (202) 720-3817; Fax (202) 690-4265; E-mail [mschechtman@ars.usda.gov](mailto:mschechtman@ars.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The fifth meeting of the AC21 has been scheduled for June 3-4, 2004. The AC21 consists of 18 members representing the biotechnology industry, the seed industry, international plant genetics research, farmers, food manufacturers, commodity processors and shippers, environmental and consumer groups, and academic researchers. In addition, representatives from the Departments of Commerce, Health and Human Services, and State, and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative serve as "ex officio" members. The AC21 at this meeting will continue its work to develop a report examining the impacts of agricultural biotechnology on American agriculture and USDA over the next 5 to 10 years, specifically: to review two draft introductory chapters prepared by USDA staff with input from specific AC21 members; to review the progress of two work groups on developing report chapters on potential issues and concerns and on possible future scenarios and to provide guidance to them in their work; and to consider presentations on research related to trends in consumer acceptance of agricultural biotechnology products. The AC21 will also discuss the progress of a work group drafting a separate report for the committee's consideration on the issue of the proliferation of traceability and mandatory labeling regimes for biotechnology-derived products in other countries, the implications of those regimes, and what industry is doing to attempt to address those requirements for products shipped to those countries.

Background information regarding the work of the AC21 will be available on the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/agencies/biotech/ac21.html>. On June 3, 2004, if time permits, reasonable provision will be

made for oral presentations of no more than five minutes each in duration.

The meeting will be open to the public, but space is limited. If you would like to attend the meetings, you must register by contacting Ms. Dianne Harmon at (202) 720-4074, by fax at (202) 720-3191 or by e-mail at [dharmone@ars.usda.gov](mailto:dharmone@ars.usda.gov) at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Please provide your name, title, business affiliation, address, and telephone and fax numbers when you register. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation due to disability, please indicate those needs at the time of registration.

Dated: May 17, 2004.

**Joseph J. Jen,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-007N]

#### National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) will hold a public meeting on June 2-3, 2004, to review and discuss the following issues: (1) The appropriateness of the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) plans for assessing the effects of the interim final rule on the control of *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm) in ready-to-eat meat and poultry products; (2) the advisability of requiring establishments to develop food security plans; and (3) the appropriateness of FSIS establishing test and hold procedures for meat and poultry products that are tested for the presence of an adulterant by FSIS. Three subcommittees will also meet on June 2, 2004, to work on the issues discussed during the full committee session.

**DATES:** The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Thursday, June 3, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Subcommittees will hold open meetings on Wednesday, June 2, 2004, from 2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Note:** FSIS was not able to publish notification of this public meeting in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting, as required by Departmental

Regulation 1041-001, due to late changes to the agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** All Committee meetings will take place at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

A meeting agenda is available on the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/about/nacmpi/index.asp>, which is a sub-web page of the FSIS home page, at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/index.asp>. FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on the topics to be discussed at the public meeting. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 04-007N.

All comments submitted on the topics to be discussed at the public meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2004\\_notices\\_index/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2004_notices_index/index.asp).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Tynan for technical information at (202) 720-2982 or e-mail [robert.tynan@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:robert.tynan@fsis.usda.gov) and Ms. Sonya L. West for meeting information at (202) 690-1079, FAX (202) 690-6519, or e-mail [sonya.west@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:sonya.west@fsis.usda.gov). Members of the public will be required to register before entering the meeting. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. West no later than May 28, 2004, at the above numbers or by e-mail. Information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/about/nacmpi/index.asp>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On April 15, 2003, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the Federal and State meat and poultry inspection