

Peer Review Plan

Title of the Review:	Listeria monocytogenes in Cheese Risk Assessment
Tentative Assessment:	Influential Scientific Information
Agency Contact:	Regis Pouillot
Office or Center:	CFSAN/OFDCE
Subject of the Review:	Expert external peer review of the Joint FDA/Health Canada Risk Assessment: Listeria monocytogenes in Soft-Ripened Cheese
Purpose of the Review:	Evaluates the effect of factors such as the microbiological status of milk, the impact of cheese manufacturing steps on L. monocytogenes levels, and conditions during distribution and storage on the overall risk of invasive listeriosis to the consumer
Type of Review:	Individual Reviews (Letter Review)
Timing of Review:	Approximately 28 business days in late September 2011
Number of Reviewers:	4 to 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise of Reviewers:	Risk Assessment Modeling, Food Microbiology, Food Technology specialized in Cheese industry, Biostatistics
Reviewers Selected by:	Designated Outside Organization
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel:	No
Opportunities for the Public to Comment:	Yes
If yes, briefly state how and when will these opportunities be provided:	We will publish a notice of availability in the Federal Register and open a public docket after the document has been peer reviewed and cleared by the Center.
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments:	No