

**National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection Meeting
May 5 and 6, 1999**

*Quality Hotel & Suites - Court House Plaza
1200 North Court House Road
Arlington, Virginia 22201*

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Congress established the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection in 1971 under authority of the Federal Meat Inspection and Poultry Products Inspection Acts. Both laws require the Secretary of Agriculture to consult with an advisory committee before issuing product standards and labeling changes or on matters affecting federal and state program activities. Membership on the Committee has been broadened to provide a greater representation to state and consumer interests and to add more balance than in previous years. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, expects the Committee to serve as a forum for significant sharing of ideas and insight about how our regulatory system can best serve both consumers and industry. The addition of representatives from state and consumer interests will result in more substantial contributions to USDA's regulatory policy development. The public is invited to participate in this process by making comments and suggestions, either at this meeting or in writing. Written comments may be submitted to the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Docket Clerk: DOCKET No. 99-020N, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250. Comments may also be sent by facsimile (202) 205-0381. The comments and official transcript of the meeting will be kept in the Docket Clerk's office.

Three standing Sub-Committees have been designated. Each subcommittee was assigned one or two issues to address during this meeting.

- Qualifications of Government and Industry Personnel who Conduct HACCP Tasks
- Policy for Using *Campylobacter* as a Performance Standard
(Inspection Methods Standing Sub-Committee)
- Concept Paper on the Mandatory Inspection of all Animal Flesh Foods
(Inter-Governmental Roles Standing Sub-Committee)
- Concept Paper on Eliminating all Exemptions from Federal Inspection
- Conceptual Framework for Producing Food that is Risk Free
(Resource Allocation Standing Sub-Committee)

Mr. Thomas Billy, Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), chairs the Committee. Dr. Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety will address the Committee on current food safety issues, including the status of the President's Food Safety Council initiatives. Top FSIS officials who lead efforts in the policy issues on the agenda will also brief the Committee. Mr. Billy will invite the public to make comments and suggestions on the Committee's proceedings. The Committee will consider these comments and suggestions as it plans its agenda.

This agenda is subject to change during the meeting.

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Wednesday, May 5, 1999
Quality Hotel & Suites - Court House Plaza
Conference Center

Evening Sub Committee Sessions

Standing Sub-Committees Meet on New Topics

7:00 - 9:00 *Inspection Methods Standing Sub-Committee*

Conference Center
Room 2327

Issues:

Qualifications of Government and Industry Personnel who Conduct HACCP Tasks

Policy for Using *Campylobacter* as a Performance Standard

7:00 - 9:00 *Inter-Governmental Roles Standing Sub-Committee*

Conference Center
Room 2329

Issue:

Concept Paper on the Mandatory Inspection of all Animal Flesh Foods

7:00 - 9:00 *Resource Allocation Standing Sub-Committee*

Conference Center
Room 2331

Issues:

Concept Paper on Eliminating all Exemptions from Federal Inspection

Conceptual Framework for Producing Food that is Risk Free

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Thursday, May 6, 1999

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Jefferson Room

**Qualifications of Government and Industry Personnel who Conduct HACCP Tasks
Policy for Using *Campylobacter* as a Performance Standard**

8:30 - 10:00 Inspection Methods Standing Sub-Committee
Briefing on Wednesday Evening Session

10:00 -10:30 BREAK

Concept Paper on the Mandatory Inspection of all Animal Flesh Foods

10:30 -11:30 Inter-Governmental Roles Standing Sub-Committee
Briefing on Wednesday Evening Session

11:30 - 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 –1:00 **Briefing on Field Automation Information Management Project (FAIM)** Peter Kuhmerker

**Conceptual Framework for Producing Food that is Risk Free
Concept Paper on Eliminating all Exemptions from Federal Inspection**

1:00 -2:30 Resource Allocation Standing Sub-Committee
Briefing on Wednesday Evening Session

2:30 - 3:00 BREAK

3:00 - 3:30 **Issues for Committee 1999-2000** Thomas Billy

3:30 - 4:00 **Remaining Issues and Plans for Next Meeting, November 2-4, 1999** Thomas Billy

4:00 – 4:45 **Public Comment, Wrap Up, and Adjourn** Thomas Billy