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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 381 and 500

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0016]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, to discuss the proposed rule on the Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection published January 27, 2012. FSIS will provide an overview of the proposed rule, followed by open discussion and comments.

DATES: The Committee will hold a public meeting via Web conference on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. E.S.T.

ADDRESSES: The March 21, 2012, meeting will be held via Web conference. Information on accessing the Web conference will be posted on the FSIS Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/. The meeting site will also be posted on the FSIS Web site above.

FSIS will finalize the agenda on or before the meeting and post it on the NACMPI Web site, http://www.fsis.usda.gov/about_fsis/nacmpi/index.asp.

All interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments concerning the issue the Committee will discuss. FSIS welcomes comments through April 23, 2012, on this meeting. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic mail:
NACMPI@fsis.usda.gov.

Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs: Send to National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, USDA, FSIS, 14th & Independence Avenue SW., Room 1180-S, South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

Hand- or courier-delivered items: Deliver to Sally Fernandez at 14th & Independence Avenue SW., Room 1180-S, Washington, DC. To deliver these items, the building security guard must first call (202) 720-9113.

Facsimile: Send to Sally Fernandez, (202) 690-6519. All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2012-0016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Payne for technical information at (202) 690-6522, or email

keith.payne@fsis.usda.gov, and Sally Fernandez for meeting information at (202) 690-6524, Fax (202) 690-6519, or email sally.fernandez@fsis.usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Sally Fernandez at the numbers above or by email.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSIS is announcing, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the NACMPI will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, to discuss the proposed rule on the Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection published January 27, 2012 (77 FR 4408).

Background

The NACMPI provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), 301(a)(4), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), 661(a)(4), and 661(c)) and sections 5(a)(3), 5(a)(4), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(a)(4), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e)).

The Administrator of FSIS is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups; producers, processors, and marketers from the meat, poultry and egg product industries; State and local

government officials; and academia. The current members of the NACMPI are: Patricia K. Buck, Center for Foodborne Illness Research and Prevention; Dr. Fur-Chi Chen, Tennessee State University; Brian R. Covington, Keystone Foods LLC; Dr. Catherine N. Cutter, Pennsylvania State University; Nancy J. Donley, STOP Foodborne Illness; Veneranda Gapud, Fieldale Farms Corporation; Dr. Craig Henry, Deloitte & Touche LLP; Dr. Cheryl D. Jones, Morehouse School of Medicine; Dr. Heidi Kassenborg, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Sarah A. Klein, Center for Science in the Public Interest; Dr. Shelton E. Murinda, California State Polytechnic University; Dr. Edna Negrón, University of Puerto Rico; Robert G. Reinhard, Sara Lee Corporation; Dr. Craig E. Shultz, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Stanley A. Stromberg, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; Dr. John D. Tilden, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Carol L. Tucker-Foreman, Consumer Federation of America; Steve E. Warshawer, Mesa Top Farm; Dr. J. Byron Williams, Mississippi State University; and Leonard W. Winchester, Public Health—Seattle & King County.

Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC, on March 5, 2012.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 252

[Regulation YY; Docket No. 1438]

RIN 7100-AD-86

Enhanced Prudential Standards and Early Remediation Requirements for Covered Companies

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 5, 2012, the Board published in the *Federal Register* a notice of proposed rulemaking for public comment to implement the enhanced prudential standards required to be established under section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act or Act) and the early remediation requirements established under section 166 of the Act.

Due to the range and complexity of the issues addressed in the rulemaking, the Board has determined that an

extension of the end of the public comment period from March 31, 2012, until April 30, 2012, is appropriate. This action will allow interested persons additional time to analyze the proposed rules and prepare their comments.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before April 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the methods identified in the proposed rule.¹ Please submit your comments using only one method.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Molly E. Mahar, Senior Supervisory Financial Analyst, (202) 973-7360, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation; or Laurie Schaffer, Associate General Counsel, (202) 452-2272, or Dominic A. Labitzky, Senior Attorney, (202) 452-3428, Legal Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on January 5, 2012,² and would implement the enhanced prudential standards required to be established under section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act and the early remediation requirements established under section 166 of the Act. The enhanced standards include risk-based capital and leverage requirements, liquidity standards, requirements for overall risk management (including establishing a risk committee), single-counterparty credit limits, stress test requirements, and a debt-to-equity limit for companies that the Financial Stability Oversight Council has determined pose a grave threat to financial stability.

In recognition of the complexities of the issues addressed and the variety of considerations involved with implementation of the proposal, the Board requested that commenters respond to numerous questions. The proposed rule stated that the public comment period would close on March 31, 2012.³

The Board has received requests from the public for an extension of the comment period to allow for additional time for comments related to the provisions of the proposed rule.⁴ The Board believes that the additional period for comment will facilitate public comment on the provisions of the proposed rule and the questions posed by the Board. Therefore, the Board is

¹ See Enhanced Prudential Standards and Early Remediation Requirements for Covered Companies, 77 FR 594 (Jan. 5, 2012).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ See, e.g., Comment letters to the Board from The Clearing House *et al.* (Jan. 25, 2012); and The Geneva Association (Feb. 13, 2013).

extending the comment period for the proposed rule from March 31, 2012 to April 30, 2012.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary under delegated authority, March 2, 2012.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Chapter I

[Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0170]

Modernizing the Regulation of Clinical Trials and Approaches to Good Clinical Practice; Public Hearing; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification of public hearing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a 2-day public hearing to obtain input from interested persons on FDA's scope and direction in modernizing the regulations, policies, and practices that apply to the conduct of clinical trials of FDA-regulated products. Clinical trials are a critical source of evidence to inform medical policy and practice, and effective regulatory oversight is needed to ensure that human subjects are protected and resulting clinical trial data are credible and accurate. FDA is aware of concerns within the clinical trial community that certain regulations and policies applicable to the conduct of clinical trials may result in inefficiencies or increased cost and may not facilitate the use of innovative methods and technological advances to improve clinical trial quality. The Agency is involved in an effort to modernize the regulatory framework that governs clinical trials and approaches to good clinical practice (GCP). The purpose of this hearing is to solicit public input from a broad group of stakeholders on the scope and direction of this effort, including encouraging the use of innovative models that may enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the clinical trial enterprise.

DATES: *Date and Time:* The public hearing will be held on April 23 and 24, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.