

to take actions to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as exotic Newcastle disease and other foreign diseases. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) ability to compete in exporting animals and animal products. A Final rule was published on July 19, 1999, that allow the importation of poultry carcasses from regions of the world where exotic Newcastle disease (END) exists, provided the carcasses did not originate in these regions, and provided the carcasses are processed and shipped according to APHIS requirements. APHIS will collect information using a certificate of origin, serial numbers, records that must be maintain for 2 years and a cooperative service agreement that must be signed.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to ensure that imported poultry carcasses pose a negligible risk of introducing END into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Responses: 4.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 30.

William McAndrew,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Genetics & IVF Institute, of Fairfax, Virginia, an exclusive license for all uses in the field of human sperm cell sorting to the invention disclosed in Patent No. 5,985,216 issued November 16, 1999, entitled "Flow Cytometry Nozzle for High Efficiency Cell Sorting." Notice of availability was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 4-1158, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Genetics & IVF Institute, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-009N]

Membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Nominations

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the meat and poultry inspection programs. Nominations for membership are being sought from individuals representing producers, processors, marketers, exporters and importers of meat and poultry products; academia; State government officials; and consumers. This notice also informs members of the public as to how they may receive copies of the weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which provides information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other relevant information.

DATES: Nomination packages for membership must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Margaret Glavin, Associate Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, Room 331-E, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Micchelli, Evaluation and Analysis Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 3833, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, 202-720-6269; Fax: 202-690-1030; E-mail: michael.micchelli@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Nominees will be considered without discrimination for any reason such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or marital status. Nominees will initially serve two-year terms. No member may serve on the NACMPI for more than three (3) consecutive terms. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. Committee members will be reimbursed for official travel expenses only. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least annually.

The nomination package should include the following information:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominees suitability to serve on the NACMPI.

2. A resume' or curriculum vitae.

All nominees will be requested to complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information. This form will be mailed to all nominees upon receipt of their nomination. To ensure that recommendations of the NACMPI take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and

persons with disabilities. USDA is actively soliciting nominations of qualified minorities, women, and persons with disabilities through outreach to minority-focused media outlets, the **Federal Register**, and other appropriate methods.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, farm, and consumer interest groups, allied health professionals and scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the FSIS Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC on April 10, 2000.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-008N]

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 May 16-17, 2000, to review and discuss four issues: (1) The requested changes to the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) Hazard

Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations—industry petition, (2) the extension of the USDA's meat and poultry inspection program to additional species (including the use of nitrates in non-amenable species), (3) E. coli O157:H7 developments, and (4) Listeria developments. The three subcommittees of the full Committee will also meet on May 16, 2000, to continue working on issues discussed during the full Committee session. All interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee will review and discuss. This notice also informs members of the public as to how they may receive copies of the weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which provides information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other relevant information.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16-17, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sub-committees will hold public meetings on May 16, 2000, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All Committee meetings will take place at the Quality Hotel & Suites, Courthouse Plaza, 1200 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201; telephone (703) 524-4000. The full committee will meet in the Jefferson Room. The Subcommittees will meet in the Kennedy, Roosevelt, and Lincoln Rooms. A meeting agenda is available on the FSIS Web Site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi> which is a sub-web page of the FSIS Homepage at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. Send written comments, in triplicate, to FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Docket #00-008N, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Comments may also be sent by facsimile (202) 205-0381. The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, will be kept in the Docket Clerk's office at the address provided above. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael N. Micchelli at (202) 720-6269, FAX (202) 720-2345, or E-mail michael.micchelli@usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mr. Micchelli by April 25, 2000, at the above numbers or e-mail. Information is also available on FSIS

Web Site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 22, 1999, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the NACMPI. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act. The FSIS Administrator is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups; producers, processors, and marketers from the meat and poultry industry; and State government officials. The current members of the NACMPI are: Magdi Abadir, Cuisine Solutions; Terry Burkhardt, Wisconsin Bureau of Meat Safety and Inspection; Dr. James Denton, University of Arkansas; Caroline Smith-DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest; Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority; Carol Tucker Foreman, Food Policy Institute, Consumer Federation of America; Dr. Cheryl Hall, Zacky Farms, Inc.; Kathleen Hanigan, Farmland Foods; Dr. Lee C. Jan, Texas Department of Health; Alice Johnson, National Turkey Federation; Dr. Collette Schultz Kaster, Premium Standard Farms; Dr. Daniel E. LaFontaine, South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department; Michael Mamminga, Iowa Department of Agriculture; Dr. Dale Morse, New York Office of Public Health; Rosemary Mucklow, National Meat Association; Donna Richardson, Howard University Cancer Center; and Gary Weber, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The Committee has three subcommittees that deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole Committee. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Members of the public will be required to register before entering the meeting.

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