shellfish and human health. Notice of availability of the draft risk assessment was previously published in the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on March 20, 2001, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel-Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact: Catherine M. DeRoever, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–6), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–205–251, FAX 202–205–4970, e-mail cderoeve@cfsan.fda.gov.

Agenda: FDA is seeking comments on the draft risk assessment in the following areas: (1) The assumptions made, (2) the modeling technique, (3) the data used, and (4) the transparency of the draft risk assessment document. FDA will review and evaluate all public comments and make modifications to the risk assessment, as appropriate.

Registration and Requests for Oral Presentation: Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number) to the contact person by March 14, 2001. Interested persons may present data, information, or views orally or in writing, on the draft risk assessment on the relationship between *V. parahaemolyticus* in raw molluscan shellfish and human health. Written submissions must also be made to the contact person by March 14, 2001. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If you wish to make a formal oral presentation, you should notify the contact person before March 14, 2001, and be prepared to provide a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence you wish to present.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Catherine M. DeRoever (address above) at least 7 days in advance.

Transcripts: Transcripts of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI–35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A–16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

Ann M. Witt,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99N–1168]

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-048N]

Relative Risk to Public Health From Foodborne Listeria Monocytogenes Among Selected Categories of Ready-to-Eat Foods; Draft Risk Assessment Document and Risk Management Action Plan; Availability; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS, and Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in cooperation with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, published a notice of availability of a draft risk assessment on the relationship between foodborne *Listeria monocytogenes* and human health and a proposed risk management action plan for *L. monocytogenes* in the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001. Interested persons were given until March 20, 2001, to comment on these documents. Because a public meeting to receive comments on these documents has been scheduled close to the end of the comment period and in response to the requests of the National Food Processors Association and the LM Working Group for an extension of the comment period, FDA and FSIS are extending the comment period until May 21, 2001.

DATES: Submit written comments by May 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Docket No. 99N–1168, Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1060, Rockville, MD 20852. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Received comments may be reviewed at the FDA Dockets Management branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Submit one original and two copies of written comments to FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 00–048N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, rm. 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700. 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:

For information concerning the draft risk assessment document: Sherri B. Dennis, Risk Assessment Coordinator, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–032), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–260–3984, FAX 202–260–9653, e–mail: sdennis@cfsan.fda.gov.

For information concerning the risk management action plan: Kathy Gombas, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–615), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–205–4231, FAX 202–260–0136, e–mail: kgombas@cfsan.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001, (66 FR 5515), the Department of Health and Human Services and USDA announced the availability of two documents: A draft risk assessment on the relationship between foodborne *L. monocytogenes* and human health and a draft risk management action plan. Comments were sought on the technical aspects of the draft risk assessment in the following areas: (1) The assumptions made, (2) the modeling technique, (3) the data used, and (4) the transparency of the draft risk assessment document. The agencies also invited comments on the risk management strategies as presented in the draft action plan. Interested persons were given until March 20, 2001, to comment on the draft risk assessment and draft risk management action plan. Because a public meeting to receive comments on these documents has been scheduled close to the end of the comment period, and in response to the requests of the National Food Processors Association and the LM Working scheduled close to the end of the comment period, and in response to the requests of the National Food Processors Association and the LM Working Group for an extension of the comment period, FDA and FSIS are extending the comment period until May 21, 2001.

To be considered, submit written comments to FDA Dockets Management Branch or the FSIS Dockets Clerk (addresses above) by May 21, 2001.

Printed copies of the draft risk assessment and the risk management action plan may be requested by faxing your name and mailing address with the

names of the documents you are requesting to the CFSAN Outreach and Information Center at 1–877–366–3322. The documents may be reviewed at the FDA Dockets Management Branch or the FSIS Docket Clerk's Office at the addresses and hours noted above. The draft risk assessment and the draft risk management action plan documents are also available electronically as follows: www.cfsan.fda.gov, www.fsis.usda.gov, www.foodsafety.gov. The draft risk assessment is also available electronically at www.foodriskclearinghouse.umd.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99N–1075]

Public Health Impact of Vibrio Parahaemolyticus in Raw Molluscan Shellfish; Draft Risk Assessment Document; Availability; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a notice of availability of a draft risk assessment on the relationship between *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in raw shellfish and human health in the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5517). Interested persons were given until March 20, 2001, to comment on the draft risk assessment. Because a public meeting has been scheduled close to the end of the comment period, FDA is extending the comment period until May 21, 2001, in order to allow additional time for public comment.

DATES: Submit written comments by May 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1060, Rockville, MD 20852. Two copies of comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments must be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be reviewed at the Dockets Management branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherri B. Dennis, Risk Assessment Coordinator, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–032), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–260–3984, FAX 202–260–9653, or e-mail: sdennis@cfsan.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5517), FDA announced the availability of a draft risk assessment on the relationship between *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in raw molluscan shellfish and human health. Comments were sought on the technical aspects of the draft risk assessment in the following areas: (1) The assumptions made, (2) the modeling technique, (3) the data used, and (4) the transparency of the draft risk assessment document. Interested persons were given until March 20, 2001, to comment on the risk assessment. Because a public meeting to receive comments on the draft risk assessment has been scheduled close to the end of the comment period, FDA is extending the comment period until May 21, 2001, to allow additional time for public comment.

To be considered, written comments must be received by May 21, 2001, by the agency's Dockets Management Branch (address above).

A printed copy of the draft risk assessment may be requested by faxing your name and mailing address with the name of the document you are requesting to the CFSAN Outreach and Information Center at 1–877–366–3322. The documents may be reviewed at the Dockets Management Branch at the address and hours noted above. The draft risk assessment is available electronically as follows: www.cfsan.fda.gov, www.foodsafety.gov, and www.foodriskclearinghouse.umd.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility and Supporting Regulations contained in 42 CFR 401.33; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–214 (OMB# 0938–0721); *Use:* The information collection requirements associated with an Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities involve documentation of proficiency of medical personnel and of resources; *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Federal Government and State, local and tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 500; *Total Annual Responses:* 500; *Total Annual Hours:* 42.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at *http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm,* or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed