



Food Safety and Inspection Service

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National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing a public meeting of the full Committee and Subcommittees from November 17, 2021 to November 19, 2021. The Committee will discuss the following two new charges: Enhancing *Salmonella* Control in Poultry Products and *Cyclospora cayetanensis* Contamination.

DATES: The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST. The Subcommittees on Enhancing *Salmonella* Control in Poultry Products and *Cyclospora cayetanensis* Contamination, will hold concurrent open Subcommittee meetings on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday November 18, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.; and Friday, November 19, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES:

The Committee meetings will be held virtually. Attendees must pre-register at <https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=841219> to receive a link for the meeting, dial-in number, access code, and unique Attendee ID for the Wednesday November 17, 2021 plenary meeting.

There will be an opportunity to provide oral comments during the public meeting. Speakers are limited to three minutes during the public comment period. Attendees must notify FSIS during registration of their wish to speak at the meeting. FSIS will do its best to accommodate all registered persons who request to provide oral comments. Attendees should also indicate if they are interested in attending any of the Subcommittee meetings so FSIS can provide links for those meetings.

The NACMCF charges to be presented will be available at:
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/federal-register-rulemaking/federal-register-notice>.

Agenda: FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting date and post it on FSIS' website at
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/news-events/events-meetings>.

Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change due to the time required to present and discuss new charges; thus, sessions could end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend this meeting. Also, the official transcript of the November 17, 2021 full Committee meeting, when it becomes available, will be available on FSIS' website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/news-events/events-meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons with additional questions should contact Dr. Evelyne Mbandi: Phone: (202) 690-6537; Email: NACMCF@usda.gov. Sign Language Interpretation:

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Dr. Mbandi by November 3, 2021.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on FSIS' website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/advisory-committees/national-advisory-committee-microbiological-criteria-foods-nacmcf>. The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense. Ms. Sandra Eskin, Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Dr. Susan T. Mayne, Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for

Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Mr. John J. Jarosh, FSIS, is the Director of the NACMCF Secretariat and Designated Federal Officer. Charges reviewed and approved by NACMCF Executive Committee deliberations will be made available by FSIS to the public prior to the Plenary Session on FSIS' website.

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