

foodborne illness risk factors in retail and foodservice operations. Using the data from multiple collection periods, FDA hopes to evaluate trends and determine if progress is being made toward the goals of reducing the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors.

FDA will discuss the 2004 Report during the public meeting. The presentation will be available on FDA's Web site at <http://www.fda.gov> on the day of the satellite broadcast.

## II. Registration

Persons interested in attending the satellite downlink public meeting as a member of the studio audience should send their registration information (including name, title, business affiliation, address, and telephone and fax numbers) to the contact person (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Due to space limitations, we recommend that you register at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Seating capacity is limited to 75 persons. Registration will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. There is no registration fee for this public meeting, but early registration is encouraged because space is limited, and it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you are interested in attending as a member of the studio audience and need any reasonable accommodations due to a disability, including a sign language interpreter, please contact Lakesha Abbey by October 6, 2003.

## III. Sites for Viewing the Downlink Public Meeting

The satellite broadcast can be received at any place that has access to a steerable C-band satellite dish. Contact your state retail food protection office or local FDA office for locations where the satellite broadcast will be available.

A videotape copy of the satellite broadcast may be available at the location where it was viewed or through the contact person listed in this document (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). You may also borrow a copy of the videotape through FDA's ORA-U Lending Library by sending your name and mailing address along with the name, title, and date of the broadcast to [ORADLT@ora.fda.gov](mailto:ORADLT@ora.fda.gov).

## IV. Electronic Access

The 2004 report will be available electronically on FDA's Web site at <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/retrsk2.html>.

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**Jeffrey Shuren,**

*Assistant Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

#### Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

*Name of Committee:* Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee.

*General Function of the Committee:* To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on October 14, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Location:* Hilton Hotel, 8727 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Contact Person:* William Freas or Sheila D. Langford, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-71), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, 301-827-0314, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512392. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

*Agenda:* On October 14, 2004, the committee will hear updates on the following issues: USDA-licensed tests for the diagnosis of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and other transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE), review of the worldwide BSE situation, new FDA/Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition BSE-food safety rules, and labeling claims for TSE clearance studies for plasma derivative products. The committee will then discuss and make recommendations regarding presumptive transfusion transmissions of variant Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease (vCJD) and current FDA-recommended safeguards.

*Procedure:* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending

before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by October 5, 2004. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 9:20 a.m. and 9:50 a.m., and 2:45 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on October 14, 2004. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before October 7, 2004, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact William Freas or Sheila D. Langford at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: September 15, 2004.

**Sheila Dearybury Walcott,**

*Associate Commissioner for External Relations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

#### Food and Drug Administration Report on the Occurrence of Foodborne Illness Risk Factors Within Selected Institutional Foodservice, Restaurant, and Retail Food Store Facility Types (2004); Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a report entitled "FDA Report on the Occurrence of Foodborne Illness Risk Factors Within Selected Institutional Foodservice, Restaurant, and Retail Food Store Facility Types (2004)" (the 2004 Report). The 2004 Report summarizes results from a data collection conducted in 2003 on risk factors which have been identified as

contributing to foodborne illness in institutional foodservice establishments, restaurants, and retail food stores; food from unsafe sources; inadequate cooking; improper holding temperature; contaminated equipment; and poor personal hygiene.

**DATES:** Limited paper copies of the 2004 Report will be available beginning September 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written requests for single copies of the 2004 Report to Lakesha Abbey, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-625), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the 2004 Report.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lakesha Abbey, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-625), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, 301-436-2440, FAX: 301-436-2672, e-mail: [Labbey@cfstan.fda.gov](mailto:Labbey@cfstan.fda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

FDA is announcing the availability of the 2004 Report. The 2004 Report is the subject of a public meeting (via satellite downlink) which will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern standard time. Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is announcing the satellite downlink public meeting. The 2004 Report summarizes results from a data collection conducted in 2003 on risk factors which have been identified as contributing to foodborne illness in institutional foodservice establishments, restaurants, and retail food stores; food from unsafe sources; inadequate cooking; improper holding temperature; contaminated equipment; and poor personal hygiene. A previous report presented data from a 1998 data collection on the same risk factors in institutional food-service establishments, restaurants, and retail food stores.

The two reports are FDA's response to a 1996 report entitled "Reinventing Food Regulations" issued under the National Performance Review, which concluded that foodborne illness caused by harmful bacteria and other pathogenic microorganisms in meat, poultry, seafood, dairy products, and a host of other foods is a significant public health problem in the United States. This 1996 report required Federal agencies to develop performance plans that included

measurable goals and performance indicators which resulted in the study being reported.

In order to assess information associated with the occurrence of foodborne outbreaks and improve risk assessment capabilities, the level at which risky practices and behaviors occur had to be identified first. The 1998 data collection established a national baseline on the occurrence of foodborne disease risk factors within the retail segment of the food industry. The risk factors identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as contributing to foodborne illness that are being tracked are as follows: Food from unsafe sources, inadequate cooking, improper holding temperature, contaminated equipment, and poor personal hygiene.

The purpose of the 2004 Report is to present the second set of data from the 2003 data collection on risk factors in institutional foodservice establishments, restaurants, and retail food stores.

The 2004 Report is most useful when read and the data interpreted, as a separate stand alone report. As such, the 2004 report makes no attempt to draw comparisons between the results of the 1998 and 2003 data collections. Additional data are needed before any meaningful assessments of trends can be made for each of the facility types.

The results contained in the 2004 Report provide insight into the effectiveness of current industry management systems and food safety regulatory programs in controlling foodborne illness risk factors in retail and foodservice operations.

The data from the 1998 study, this project, and future studies planned for 2008 are expected to provide input into the Healthy People 2010's Food Safety Objective 10.6. This objective is designed to improve food preparation practices and food employee behaviors at institutional food-service establishments, restaurants, and retail food stores. Healthy People 2010 is a national health promotion and disease prevention initiative with the objective to improve the health of all Americans.

**II. Electronic Access**

The 2004 Report is available electronically on FDA's Web site at <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/retrsk2.html>.

**III. Satellite Downlink to Discuss the Report's Results**

A satellite downlink public meeting will be held October 13, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern standard time to discuss results in the report. The satellite broadcast can be received at

any place that has access to a steerable C-band satellite dish. Satellite coordinates with instructions on how to downlink will be posted on FDA's Web site at [http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/ocer/dcm/html/program\\_calendar.html](http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/ocer/dcm/html/program_calendar.html) beginning September 15, 2004.

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**Jeffrey Shuren,**

*Assistant Commissioner for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

**Proposed Project: Progress Reports for Continuation Training Grants (OMB No. 0915-0061)—Extension**

The HRSA Progress Reports for Continuation Training Grants are used for the preparation and submission of continuation applications for Titles VII and VIII health professions and nursing education and training programs. The Uniform Progress Report measures grantee success in meeting (1) the objectives of the grant project and (2) the cross-cutting outcomes developed for the Bureau's education and training programs. The progress report is designed to collect information to determine whether sufficient progress has been made on the approved project objectives, as grantees must demonstrate satisfactory progress to warrant continuation of funding. Information is also collected on activities specific to a given program as well as data on overall project performance related to the Bureau of Health Profession's strategic goals, objectives, outcomes and indicators. Progress will be measured based on the objectives of the grant project and outcome measures and