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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 Molluscan Shellfish

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, in conjunction with the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods, in cooperation with the Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (FSIS/USDA) is announcing a public meeting to discuss issues related to a preliminary risk assessment model examining the relationship between *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and human health.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Friday, September 24, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Submit registration and written notices of participation by September 13, 1999. Submit written comments by October 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at The Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., at Massachusetts Ave. and 14th St., Washington, DC. Submit registration and written notices of participation to Catherine M. DeRoever (address below). Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine M. DeRoever, Advisory Committee Office (HFS-22), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 200 C

St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4251, FAX 202-205-4970, or e-mail
“cderoeve@bangate.fda.gov”.

Those persons interested in attending the public meeting should, by September 13, 1999, fax their name, title, firm name, address, and telephone number to Catherine M. DeRoeve (fax number above).

Those persons interested in presenting information at the public meeting should, by September 13, 1999, fax their name, title, firm name, address, telephone number, and an outline of their presentation to Catherine M. DeRoeve (fax number above).

There is no registration fee for this public meeting, but advance registration is suggested. Interested persons are encouraged to register early because space may be limited.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public meeting will provide an opportunity for review and comment of the preliminary *V. parahaemolyticus* risk assessment. The role of factors in the environment, post harvest handling and processing in the probability of illness will be described. Integration of epidemiology, consumption, and dose-response will be modeled. Scientific inferences, assumptions, and modeling tools will be made from the completed search of peer reviewed literature. Comments will be requested on the approaches and analyses presented and any additional information that should be included in the analyses.

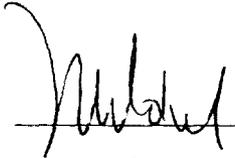
The sponsoring agencies encourage individuals with relevant scientific data or information to present such information at the meeting or in written comments to this record.

A transcript of the public meeting will be prepared. Copies of the transcript 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.

The transcript of the public meeting and submitted comments will be available for public examination at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy

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