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## Food and Drug Administration

### Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This notice also summarizes the procedures for the meeting and methods by which interested persons may participate in open public hearings before FDA's advisory committees.

FDA has established an Advisory Committee Information Hotline (the hotline) using a voice-mail telephone system. The hotline provides the public with access to the most current information on FDA advisory committee meetings. The advisory committee hotline, which will disseminate current information and information updates, can be accessed by dialing 1-800-741-8138 or 301-443-0572. Each advisory committee is assigned a 5-digit number. This 5-digit number will appear in each individual notice of meeting. The hotline will enable the public to obtain information about a particular advisory committee by using the committee's 5-digit number. Information in the hotline is preliminary and may change before a meeting is actually held. The hotline will be updated when such changes are made.

**MEETING:** The following advisory committee meeting is announced:

#### Food Advisory Committee

**Date, time, and place.** February 22, 1995, 9:30 a.m., Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Federal Bldg. 8, rm. 6823, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC.

**Type of meeting and contact person.** A meeting of a task group on *Vibrio vulnificus* of the Food Advisory Committee with invited guests from the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods will

be held by a telephone conference call. A speaker telephone will be provided in the conference room to allow public participation in the meeting. Open task group discussion, 9:30 a.m. to 12 m.; open public hearing, 12 m. to 1 p.m., unless public participation does not last that long; Lynn A. Larsen, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-5), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4727, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), Food Advisory Committee, code 10564.

**General function of the committee.** The committee provides advice on emerging food safety, food science, and nutrition issues that FDA considers of primary importance in the next decade.

**Open committee discussion.** The task group will discuss the objective, the target audience, the implementation strategy and measurement of effectiveness for a *Vibrio vulnificus* consumer education initiative being planned by FDA. The initiative is expected to be funded by money from the National Marine Fisheries Service via an interagency agreement with FDA.

**Agenda—Open public hearing.** Interested persons may present data, information or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the task group. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before February 17, 1995, 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 required to make their comments. Written statements may be submitted to the task group or committee at any time through the contact person.

FDA public advisory committee meetings may have as many as four separable portions: (1) An open public hearing, (2) an open committee discussion, (3) a closed presentation of data, and (4) a closed committee deliberation. Every advisory committee meeting shall have an open public hearing portion. Whether or not it also includes any of the other three portions will depend upon the specific meeting involved. There are no closed portions for the meetings announced in this notice. The dates and times reserved for the open portions of each committee meeting are listed above.

The open public hearing portion of each meeting shall be at least 1 hour long unless public participation does not last that long. It is emphasized,

however, that the 1 hour time limit for an open public hearing represents a minimum rather than a maximum time for public participation, and an open public hearing may last for whatever longer period the committee chairperson determines will facilitate the committee's work.

Public hearings are subject to FDA's guideline (subpart C of 21 CFR part 10) concerning the policy and procedures for electronic media coverage of FDA's public administrative proceedings, including hearings before public advisory committees under 21 CFR part 14. Under 21 CFR 10.205, representatives of the electronic media may be permitted, subject to certain limitations, to videotape, film, or otherwise record FDA's public administrative proceedings, including presentations by participants.

Meetings of advisory committees shall be conducted, insofar as is practical, in accordance with the agenda published in this **Federal Register** notice. Changes in the agenda will be announced at the beginning of the open portion of a meeting.

Any interested person who wishes to be assured of the right to make an oral presentation at the open public hearing portion of a meeting shall inform the contact person listed above, either orally or in writing, prior to the meeting. Any person attending the hearing who does not in advance of the meeting request an opportunity to speak will be allowed to make an oral presentation at the hearing's conclusion, if time permits, at the chairperson's discretion.

The agenda, the questions to be addressed by the committee, and a current list of committee members will be available at the meeting location on the day of the meeting.

Transcripts of the open portion of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 12A-16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript may be viewed at the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Summary minutes of the open portion of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (address above) beginning approximately 90 days after the meeting.

This notice is issued under section 10(a)(1) and (2) of the Federal Advisory