

(1) Identify scientifically accepted methods for effectively destroying prions; (2) Assess the concerns raised regarding NADC's current and past methods for the destruction of prions; (3) Determine the risk posed to humans and the environment from the current, as well as previous, methods for the destruction of prions utilized at NADC; and (4) If remediation is needed, provide scientifically sound approaches for corrective action(s) that may be taken. Final conclusions of the review will be developed during a meeting at a later date, also to be announced. At the conclusion of its review, the panel will prepare a written report that documents the panel's findings for the four main issues being evaluated. The meeting on November 3 will be held by conference call. The public may monitor the panel's discussion via a speaker phone in the Ames City Hall's Council Chamber. No oral comments will be accepted from the public during the call, however, written public comment received by letter, fax, or e-mail to the contact person named above by close of business on Friday, November 10, 2006, will be provided to the panel members. Although access to the conference call monitor will be open to the public, space is limited. If you want to be assured of a seat at this meeting, you must register by contacting the contact person named above at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Please provide your name, title, business affiliation, address, and telephone and fax numbers when you register. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation due to disability, please indicate those needs at the time of registration. Pre-registrations will be limited to 80 people; others may be able to attend on a space-available basis.

Dated: October 24, 2006.

**Caird E. Rexroad, Jr.,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

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#### **Codex Alimentarius Commission: Sixth Session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived From Biotechnology**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food And Drug Administration (FDA) are sponsoring a public meeting on November 14, 2006 to discuss the agenda items coming before the Sixth Session of the Codex *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology (FBT) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and present draft U.S. positions on the agenda items. The Sixth Session of the FBT will be held in Chiba, Japan, November 27–December 1, 2006. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to comment on the agenda items that will be debated at this forthcoming Session of the FBT.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2006 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in Room 107A, Jamie Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC. Documents related to the Sixth Session of the FBT will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

*For Further Information About the Sixth Session of the FBT, Contact:* U.S. Delegate, Dr. Eric Flamm, Senior Advisor, Office of the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (HF-23), Parklawn Building, Rockville, MD 20857, Phone (301) 827-0591, Fax (301) 827-4774, E-mail: [eric.flamm@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:eric.flamm@fda.hhs.gov).

*For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact:* Edith Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720-5261, Fax: (202) 720-3157, E-mail: [edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in trade. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology was established by the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in 1999 to elaborate standards, guidelines, or other principles as relates to foods derived from biotechnology. The Task Force completed its mandates within its four-year timeframe and was dissolved by the 26th Session of the Commission. The 27th Session re-established the Task Force for another four-year period. The Task Force is hosted by the government of Japan.

#### **Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting**

The following items on the agenda for the Sixth Session of the FBT will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee from other Codex bodies.
- Review of the Work by International Organizations on the Evaluation of the Safety and Nutrition Aspects of Foods Derived from Biotechnology.
- Proposed Draft Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals.
- Proposed Draft Annex (scoping document) to the Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants; Food Safety Assessment of Food Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants Modified for Nutritional or Health Benefits.
- Discussion Paper on Comparative Food Composition Analysis of Staple Foods.
- Discussion Paper on Sanitary Surveillance after Placing on the Market Foods Derived from Biotechnology.
- Discussion Paper on Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Animals Exposed to Protection against Disease through Gene Therapy or Recombinant-DNA Vaccines.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Japanese Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents at <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

#### **Public Meeting**

At the November 14, 2006 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on these agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate of the FBT, Dr. Eric Flamm at [eric.flamm@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:eric.flamm@fda.hhs.gov). Written

comments should state that they relate to activities of the Sixth Session of the FBT.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2006\\_Notices\\_Index/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2006_Notices_Index/). FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_and\\_events/email\\_subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/). Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

Done at Washington, DC, on: October 25, 2006.

**F. Edward Scarbrough,**

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance

Board (Access Board) has scheduled its regular business meetings to take place in Washington, DC, Monday and Wednesday, November 13 and 15, 2006, at the times and location noted below.

**DATES:** The schedule of events is as follows:

#### Monday, November 13, 2006

10:30 a.m.–Noon, Planning and Evaluation Committee.

1:30–2:30 p.m., Budget Committee.

2:30–4:30, Technical Programs Committee.

#### Wednesday, November 15, 2006

10 a.m.–Noon, Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking (Closed Session).

1:30–3 p.m., Board Meeting.

3–4:30 p.m., Courthouse Access Advisory Committee Presentation.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center Hotel, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-0001 (voice) and (202) 272-0082 (TTY).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

- Approval of the July 25, 2006 draft Board Meeting Minutes.
- Planning and Evaluation Committee Report.
- Budget Committee Report.
- Technical Programs Committee Report.
- Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking Report.

Immediately following the Board meeting, the Access Board will hear the final report of the Courthouse Access Advisory Committee (CAAC); the CAAC presentation is noticed separately in today's **Federal Register**. All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system, computer assisted real-time transcription (CART), and sign language interpreters will be available at the Board meetings. Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants.

**Lawrence W. Roffee,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Courthouse Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to advise the Board on issues related to the accessibility of courthouses covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. The Courthouse Access Advisory Committee (Committee) includes organizations with an interest in courthouse accessibility. This notice announces the dates, times and location of the next Committee meeting, which will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Committee is scheduled to present its recommendations to the Board on November 15, 2006 at 3 p.m. The Committee may tentatively meet on November 14, 2006 (beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m.) and on November 15, 2006 (beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 12 p.m.) to discuss and approve final deliverables and its presentation to the Board. Changes to this schedule will be posted on the Board's Web site at <http://www.access-board.gov/caac/index.htm>.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center Hotel, 775 12th Street NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Yanchulis, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-0026 (Voice); (202) 272-0082 (TTY). E-mail [yanchulis@access-board.gov](mailto:yanchulis@access-board.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2004, as part of the outreach efforts on courthouse accessibility, the Access Board established a Federal advisory committee to advise the Access Board on issues related to the accessibility of courthouses, particularly courtrooms, including best practices, design solutions, promotion of accessible features, educational opportunities, and the gathering of information on existing barriers, practices, recommendations, and guidelines. On October 12, 2004, the Access Board published a notice appointing 31 members to the Courthouse Access Advisory Committee. 69 FR 60608 (October 12,