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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Docket No. [FSIS-2016-0031]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of the re-establishment of the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) intends to re-establish the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning State and Federal programs with respect to meat, poultry and processed egg products inspection, food safety, and other matters that fall within the scope of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to re-establish the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) for two years. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c), and to sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e).

A copy of the current charter and other information about the committee can be found at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/advisory-committees/nacmpi>.

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