

proposals. The viewing audience may telephone or fax questions to FDA officials during the live downlink.

FDA is planning a second satellite downlink meeting during which FDA will explain the proposed rules that FDA will publish shortly to implement sections 306 and 303 of the Bioterrorism Act. That meeting will be announced in a future **Federal Register** notice. FDA also plans to develop additional regulations, safety measures, and guidance documents to implement other provisions of the Bioterrorism Act. Information about the public meetings, a list of additional non-FDA Web sites for viewing the public meetings, contact information, the provisions of the Bioterrorism Act under FDA's jurisdiction, and the agency's implementation plans are available at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html>.

Proposed rules

The proposed regulations that will be addressed at the satellite downlink public meeting announced in this document concern the following provisions of the Bioterrorism Act:

- **Section 305: Registration of Food Facilities**—The Bioterrorism Act requires the owner, operator, or agent-in-charge of domestic and foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States to register with FDA no later than December 12, 2003. Farms, restaurants, retail food establishments, non-profit food establishments that prepare or serve food directly to the consumer, and fishing vessels not engaged in processing, as defined in 21 CFR 123.3(k), are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are foreign facilities if the food from the facility undergoes further processing or packaging by another facility outside of the United States. FDA must issue final regulations no later than December 12, 2003, but facilities must register by this date in accordance with the Bioterrorism Act even if the regulations are not finalized. FDA plans to publish a final rule by October 12, 2003.

- **Section 307: Prior Notice of Imported Food Shipments**—The Bioterrorism Act specifies that on or after December 12, 2003, FDA must receive prior notice of each article of food imported or offered for import into the United States. FDA must issue the final regulation by December 12, 2003. If the regulation is not final by that date, the Bioterrorism Act still requires FDA to receive prior notice of not less than 8 hours and not more than 5 days until the regulation takes effect. The agency

plans to publish a final rule by October 12, 2003.

A list of non-FDA parties providing other locations for viewing the downlink is provided in table 1 of this document. The parties listed are providing this service free of charge in the interest of providing information to their constituents and to assist in creating a public process.

TABLE 1.—SATELLITE DOWNLINK PUBLIC MEETING I—SECTION 305: REGISTRATION OF FOOD FACILITIES AND SECTION 307: PRIOR NOTICE OF IMPORTED FOOD SHIPMENTS

Date: January 29, 2003
Locations and Contact Information:
Location: Advanced Training Center, 275 Oak St., Buffalo, NY 14203, 716-855-7050 Contact: Diana Monaco, U.S. FDA/Buf-falo Office, 300 Pearl St., suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14202, 716-551-4461, ext. 3118, FAX: 716-551-3845, e-mail: dmonaco@ora.fda.gov
Location: U.S. FDA, Chicago District Of-fice, 550 W. Jackson Blvd., 16th floor, Chicago, IL 60661, 312-596-4205 Contact: Darlene Bailey, U.S. FDA/Chi-cago District Office, 550 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661, 312-596-4205, FAX: 312-596-4170, e-mail: dbailey@ora.fda.gov
Location: Lake Washington Technical School, 11605 132nd Ave. NE., rm. W-404, Kirkland, WA 98034, 425-739-8100 Contact: Sue Hutchcroft, U.S. FDA/Se-attle District Office, 22201 23rd Dr., SE., Bothell, WA 98021, 425-483-4953, FAX: 425-483-4996, e-mail: shutchcr@ora.fda.gov
Location: VA Medical Center, 4th Floor Auditorium, 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030, 713-794-7143 Contact: Sheryl McConnell, U.S. FDA/ Dallas District Office Houston Resident Post, 1445 North Loop, West, suite 420, Houston, TX 77008, 713-802-9095, ext. 115, FAX: 713-802-0906, e-mail: smcconne@ora.fda.gov
Location: Laredo Public Library, 1120 East Calton Rd., Laredo, TX 78041, 956-795-2400 Contact: Julio Salazar, U.S. FDA/South-west Import District, 715 Bob Bullock Loop, rm. 75, Laredo, TX 78045, 956-729-9691, ext. 1103, FAX: 956-729-0997, e-mail: jsalazar@ora.fda.gov

TABLE 1.—SATELLITE DOWNLINK PUBLIC MEETING I—SECTION 305: REGISTRATION OF FOOD FACILITIES AND SECTION 307: PRIOR NOTICE OF IMPORTED FOOD SHIPMENTS—Continued

Date: January 29, 2003
Locations and Contact Information:
Location: Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. FDA, Auditorium, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD, 301-436-2428 Contact: Tonya Poindexter, U.S. FDA/ Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, rm. 3B035, College Park, MD, 301-436-1544, FAX: 301-436-1584, e-mail: tonya.poindexter@cfsan.fda.gov

Registration: To register for the satellite downlink public meeting, contact the persons listed previously for the site you want to attend. Space is limited and registration will be closed at each site when maximum seating capacity for that site is reached (between 100–200 persons per site). Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and fax number) to the contact identified in table 1 of this document at least 2 workdays before the meeting. You may register by e-mail, fax, or telephone.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please notify the contact person listed in table 1 of this document at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

In addition, any interested parties with access to a satellite dish may view the downlink meetings at the following coordinates:
 Live simulcast in English (channel 6.8), French (channel 5.8), and Spanish (channel 6.2)

For the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii) and Canada

C Band
 Galaxy 9 @ 127 degrees west
 Ch 3 Horizontal
 Downlink frequency 3740 MHz

For South and Central America

Digital
 PAS 9 @ 58 west
 Slot A Digital -
 Ch 24 Horizontal
 Downlink frequency 4160 MHz

Video rebroadcasts will be played at several locations throughout the world. Dates, and viewing times for the video rebroadcasts for Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand can be found on FDA's bioterrorism Web site (<http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html>). Information on additional video rebroadcasts in English, Spanish,