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HACCP Alliance Board Conducts Business in Washington, D.C.

On December 9, 2003, the International HACCP Alliance board of directors' met at the National Food Processors Association/Food Processor's Institute's headquarters in Washington, D.C. During the meeting, the board approved the formation of a working group to explore the membership's interest in developing a standardized food safety audit. This working group will report their recommendations to the board at the next board meeting. The board of directors also approved the development of microbiological sampling standards for meat and poultry products.

In addition, the HACCP Alliance and its member-industry associations will communicate with USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to better define documentation requirements related to HACCP verification and validation. Furthermore, the HACCP Alliance staff will continue to work with representatives from the government of China to develop a train-the-trainer HACCP program and help them enhance their food safety systems.

For more information about the HACCP Alliance board meeting, go to the HACCP Alliance web page at <http://haccpalliance.org/alliance/minutes.html>

HACCP Alliance; China Sign Memorandum of Understanding

On January 4, 2004, Kerri Harris, executive director of the International HACCP Alliance, travelled to Beijing, China, and on January 6 she signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the International HACCP Alliance and the Department of Rural and Social Development of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China.

Through this MOU, the HACCP Alliance will work with the China-U.S. Joint Secretariat for Science and Technology Collaboration in Agriculture and Social Development, which was established in July, 2003, to help implement HACCP throughout China.



Kerri Harris (seated, right), executive director of the International HACCP Alliance, signs a MOU on behalf of the Alliance with Wang Xiaofang (seated, left), director general of the Department of Rural and Social Development of the Ministry of Technology for the People's Republic of China, at a signing ceremony in Beijing, China.



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Bill Smith talks to EIAO course participants about USDA/FSIS regulations.

Palesano, USDA/FSIS associate executive assistant for program development, Office of Policy and Program Development.

The tenth class is presently scheduled for February 23 – March 19, 2004. Additional classes will be held throughout the year upon USDA/FSIS request as part of a multi-year grant that was awarded to the International HACCP Alliance and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Enforcement Investigation and Analysis Officer Training Continues in 2004

Forty USDA/FSIS employees from across the country are in College Station, Texas, for the ninth Enforcement Investigation Analysis Officers (EIAO), formerly Consumer Safety Officers (CSO,) course from January 12 – February 6, 2004. During the week of January 26, William C. “Bill” Smith, USDA/FSIS assistant administrator, Office of Field Operations, taught part of the EIAO work methodology session with Bobby