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Information

The Demand for HACCP Training Continues

One of the initial goals of the founders of the International HACCP Alliance was to standardized HACCP training. To accomplish this goal, a system was developed to accredit individual HACCP training programs, approved lead instructors and track individuals that have been trained in a registry. The process requires that the training program is to be reviewed by a three-person panel to make sure that it fulfills all of the Alliance's requirements. The initial focus was on accrediting Introductory HACCP courses tha were designed to teach participants the seven principles of HACCP, how to deveop and implement a HACCP system, the use of pre-requisite programs, and the basic regulatory requirements for HACCP. The accreditation process for Introductory HACCP courses has been well received and is recognized world-wide. To date, there are 52 accredited training programs, 241 approved lead instructors, and over 12,000 individuals tha have been trained since 1994. According to the registry, the number of participants trained in accredited programs per year is as follows:

1994 — 30	1998 — 4,491
1995 — 400	1999 — 4,355
1996 — 914	2000 — 571
1997 — 1,576	

Although the current demand for Introductory HACCP training is not as great as it has been inprevious years, the request for Advanced HACCP training and refresher courses continues to increase. The Alliance recently approved the outline for Advanced HACCP training and will begin accrediting Advanced courses and tracking the participants. For more information on HACCP training programs or course schedules, contact Robin See at 979/862-3643.

Harris Addresses Southwest Meat Association Convention

During the 44th annual Southwest Meat Association Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, July 19-22, in San Antonio, Texas, Kerri B. Harris updated convention attendees about the International HACCP Alliance. Harris provided an overview of the Alliance and discussed recent activities and programs. The presentation to the convention attendees included information about role of the Alliance, the procedures for accrediting HACCP training programs, current Alliance membership and board structure, upcoming Train-the-Trainer courses, and the purpose of the recently accredited HIMP training program. Harris addressed questions related to the role of the Alliance in resolving regulatory issues and the need for additional HACCP training programs.

Alliance Telephone Area Code Changed on August 5th

According to GTE, the new 979 area code is now mandatory for all long distance calls to College Station, Texas. The mandatory area code change began on Saturday, August 5th. Please update your telephone and facsimile records to reflect the new telephone (979-862-3643) and facsimile (979-862-3075) numbers for the International HACCP Alliance office.

September 12-14, 2000 — HACCP Train-the-Trainer Course

The next HACCP Train-the-Trainer course is slated for September 12-14, 2000, in Washington, DC, at the office of the National Food Processors Association, 13501 I Street, NW, Suite 300. There are currently 23 participants registered for the program. The deadline for registration is August 18, 2000; however, additional registrants will be accepted as space allows. Please contact Robin See (979-862-3643) for registration and hotel information. The Train-the-Trainer course is sponsored by the International HACCP Alliance and the Food Processors Institute.