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Problems Reported with Alliance Telephone Area Code

In last month's issue of *Alliance News Lines*, it was reported that the new area code of 979 for the International HACCP Alliance office was active. However, according to the local telephone company, a large number of telephone company databases around the country still do not reflect the new area code. Therefore, people outside of Texas and even within the state, may experience problems when dialing the new 979 area code for Bryan/College Station, Texas. Ultimately, the new 979 area code will be mandatory for all long distance calls beginning on August 5, 2000.

Advanced HACCP Outline Presented at Board Meeting

During the HACCP Alliance Board meeting in February an outline for an advanced HACCP course was presented to the board for approval. The outline was approved by the board and the training committee, chaired by Rita Fullem of the Food Processors Institute, was then charged with further development of the learning objectives for the course. Once developed, the learning objectives will be presented to the board for final approval for accreditation status.

Committee Formed for a Global HACCP Conference

The long-range planning committee recommended that the Alliance proceed with hosting a Global HACCP Conference in 2001. The following ad hoc Global HACCP Conference Committee was formed:

Lou Gast, HACCP Consulting Group, Co-Chairman
Jeff Savell, Texas A&M University, Co-Chairman
Merle Pierson, Institute of Food Technologists
Paul Stiffler, Medtrol, Inc.
Barbara Masters, USDA/FSIS
Kim Rice, American Meat Institute
Jill Hollingsworth, Food Marketing Institute
Kerri Harris, International HACCP Alliance

The committee was given the charge of reporting back to the chairman by April 1, 2000, with potential topics, dates, location, and cost. More information on the progress of this committee will be available in future *Alliance News Lines*, and please let us know if you have any input on the conference.

Harris Speaks to Foreign Government Meat Inspectors

On March 7, Kerri B. Harris, HACCP Alliance executive director, spoke to 35 veterinarians as part of a USDA/FSIS Foreign Government Officials Training Program in College Station, Texas. During her presentation she spoke about the principles of HACCP and the activities of the International HACCP Alliance.