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Bobby Palesano Joins International HACCP Alliance Staff



January 29, 2007 – The International HACCP Alliance is pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Bobby Palesano to its staff. Palesano will assume the role of Vice President of Technical Services on February 12, 2007. He recently announced his retirement from the Food Safety and Inspection Service, effective on February 2nd, after over 40 years of federal service. Over the years, Palesano served in a variety of jobs within FSIS, including Special Assistant to the Director of the Technical Service Center; Branch Chief, Domestic Review Staff; Processing Staff Officer; Food Technologist Instructor at the Center for Learning; and various inspection positions in the field. Most recently he led a working group as part of FSIS' risk-based

inspection initiative and co-lead a task force for strengthening FSIS outreach to small and very small plants.

Palesano will be co-employed by the Southwest Meat Association, splitting his time between the Alliance and SMA. For the HACCP Alliance, he will provide technical and regulatory assistance to establishments, assist with small and very small HACCP/food issues, and help with food safety training activities.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for the HACCP Alliance to expand its capabilities,” said HACCP Alliance Chairman, Nick Nickelson. “Bobby is familiar with the Alliance activities, and his experience and expertise will be a great asset to the Alliance staff. Bobby’s background combined with the skills of the Alliance’s President, Dr. Kerri B. Harris, uniquely positions the Alliance to meet the food safety and HACCP demands of the future.”

“Bobby will be a great help as the Alliance continues to fulfill an important role, and we continue expanding the activities related to small and very small establishments,” added Kerri B. Harris.

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