



Technical Committee Representatives Quarterly Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021

LOCATION: Remote participation via webinar/phone

TIME: 9:30 -11:00 AM

MEETING CHAIR: Karlyn Middleton

ATTENDANCE

Member Agencies and Representatives	
FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)	Sherri Dennis, Karlyn Middleton, Jacqueline Heilman
FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)	Mary Bartholomew, Barry Hooberman,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA/NMFS)	Patricia Rabideau
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	Shanker Reddy
USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)	Thomas Oscar
USDA Economic Research Service (ERS)	Melanie Abley
USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)	Joanna Zablotzky-Kufel, Janell Kause
USDA Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP)	Julie Chao
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service	Theresa Varner, Doug Farmer
USDA Office of Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis (ORACBA)	Mark Powell, Linda Abbott
USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)	Marielsie Avila

INTRODUCTION/ROLL CALL

- Karlyn welcomed the group, went through the roll call, and introduced new IRAC members. New members include:
 - Melanie Abley, USDA OCS (Technical Committee and Policy Council representative)
 - Rebekah Pinto-USAID (Technical committee Representative)
 - Oscar Carrion-(Technical committee Representative)
- Marielsie Avila from the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) attended the meeting. FAS is interested in joining the IRAC as a member agency.

PRESENTATION

Developing a New Risk Metric to Support FSIS's Individual Sanitary Measure Equivalence Determinations. Janell R. Kause and Wayne D. Schlosser, USDA-FSIS

CALL FOR REVIEWERS: There was a request for reviewers for the USDA/FSIS risk metric tool. Those interested in reviewing the tool will contact Janell Kause by COB 6/18/21.

UPDATES/DISCUSSIONS

- IRAC members gave Agency/Codex/IFSAC updates on activities related to food safety.
- Karlyn Middleton discussed the PFAS information sessions that were held in April (April 14th, 21st, and the 26th). The sessions were open to federal employees only and each session included 4-6 speakers.

Speakers included representatives from EPA (ORD, OW), FDA (CFSAN and CVM), and USDA (FSIS and ARS).

- Sherri Dennis and Barry Hooberman discussed the new IRAC survey workgroup. To enhance member engagement, the workgroup will work on a survey that will be used as a tool to better understand how IRAC benefits member agencies, contributes to their goals and objectives, and to identify barriers to IRAC participation.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am. Next Technical Meeting scheduled for August 11, 2021.