

Food Components	Age 1 and 2	Age 3 through 5	Age 6 through 12 ¹	Adult Participants ⁹
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Meat and Meat Alternates or Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened	4 oz. or 1/2 cup	6 oz. or 3/4 cup	8 oz. or 1 cup	8 oz. or 1 cup.
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Food components	Children ages 1 and 2	Children ages 3 through 5	Children ages 6 through 12 ¹	Adult participants
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Meat and Meat Alternates or Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened	4 oz. or 1/2 cup	6 oz. or 3/4 cup	8 oz. or 1 cup	8 oz. or 1 cup.
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Food Safety and Inspection Service
9 CFR Parts 319 and 381
[Docket No. 95-056N]
Public Health Hazard Analysis Board Report; Availability

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of availability of report; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of a report prepared by the Public Health Hazard Analysis Board on "Bone Particles and Foreign Material in Meat and Poultry Products." The report contains an executive summary by the Public Health Hazard Analysis Board, which includes the Board's conclusions on the establishment of criteria for determining the safety of meat and poultry products containing bone particles and foreign materials such as glass, metal and plastic; a list of Board members and other participants; and a bibliography. FSIS is seeking comments on the need for and nature of any additional regulatory actions beyond those provided for in its meat and poultry regulations that should be taken regarding bone particle size and foreign material, such as glass, metal, and plastic, in boneless meat and poultry products deboned by hand or other means.

DATES: Comments will be accepted through August 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit an original and two copies of written comments and requests for single copies of the report to: FSIS Docket Clerk, DOCKET #95-056N, Room 4352 South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Oral comments, as provided by the Poultry Products Inspection Act, can be given to Dr. Jill Hollingsworth, (202) 205-0293. The report and comments will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jill Hollingsworth, Deputy Director, Epidemiology and Emergency Response Program, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2168 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 205-0293.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSIS is announcing the availability of a report prepared by the Public Health Hazard Analysis Board (the Board) on "Bone Particles and Foreign Material in Meat and Poultry Products." The Board consists of public health, medical, and food safety experts in FSIS and other government agencies. Private medical specialists were contacted by the Board for additional information on the subject. The Board was charged with determining health and safety concerns related to bone particles or foreign material in boneless meat and poultry products. Consequently, the Board provided criteria for use by the Agency to determine the existence of a potential safety hazard, due to bone particles or foreign material, such as glass, metal, and plastic, in meat or poultry products, that warrant recall of the affected

product in order to protect the public health.

The Board determined that bone particles less than 0.4 inches (10 mm) would not be considered a safety hazard. Bone particles from 0.4 to 0.8 inches (10 to 20 mm) may present a discomfort, but would be a low risk for a safety hazard, and bone particles greater than 0.8 inches (20 mm) have the potential to be a safety hazard and may cause injury to consumers. According to the Board, any occurrence of foreign material, such as glass, metal, and plastic, in meat or poultry products, has the potential to be a safety hazard and should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine whether it presents such a hazard.

The Board agreed that boneless product produced in accordance with the provisions in 9 CFR 319.5 for mechanically-separated meat (MSM) and provisions in 9 CFR 381.173 (59 FR 62629, December 6, 1994, and 59 FR 55962, November 3, 1995) for mechanically-separated poultry (MSP) to be effective on November 4, 1996, does not present a safety hazard. Regulatory requirements limit bone particle size in MSM and MSP which is produced by crushing or grinding of bone before removal of edible tissue. Provisions in 9 CFR 319.5 for MSM require that at least 98 percent of bone particles present in MSM be no greater than 0.2 inches (5 mm) in their greatest dimension, with no bone particles larger than 0.034 inches (0.85 mm) in their greatest dimension. Similar provisions in 9 CFR 381.173 for MSP require that at least 98 percent of bone particles present in MSP be no greater than 0.06 inches (1.5 mm) in their greatest dimension, with no particles greater than 0.08 inches (2 mm) in their greatest dimension. FSIS has concluded that