



## *International HACCP Alliance*

The International HACCP Alliance, formerly the International Meat and Poultry HACCP Alliance, was formed in 1994 as a proactive step to assist the meat and poultry industry in preparing for mandatory HACCP. The founders of the HACCP Alliance recognized the need to standardize HACCP training efforts, develop a uniform position on implementing HACCP, and work cooperatively with USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and other regulatory agencies. Therefore, the HACCP Alliance has devoted the past few years to these activities. During this time, five standardized curricula have been developed, over 25 training programs have been accredited, and over 100 individuals have been approved as lead instructors. The HACCP Alliance membership includes over 120 members from nine countries representing industry associations, professional associations, educational foundations, universities, third party/private companies, and government cooperators. Members have striven to encourage the adoption of HACCP throughout the industry and to foster better communication and cooperation with USDA's FSIS and other governmental agencies worldwide.

The HACCP Alliance recognizes that food safety is a critical component of the future of the food industries. The mission of the HACCP Alliance is to promote international public health and food safety by facilitating uniform development and implementation of HACCP programs from farm to table. The HACCP Alliance provides a forum where issues are deliberated and resolved uniformly to assure that food safety plans are effective and sufficient throughout the entire commercial food chain system.

The goals of the International HACCP Alliance are:

- To be recognized as the world-wide HACCP authority.
- To provide standardized curricula and accreditation for HACCP/food safety courses.
- To facilitate the standardization of support systems for HACCP.
- To foster understanding and cooperation among industry, academia, consumers and government regarding HACCP and food safety.

For more information about the International HACCP Alliance, you may access the home page (Internet address: <http://haccpalliance.org>) or contact Dr. Kerri B. Harris, Executive Director, 120 Rosenthal, College Station, TX 77843-2471, phone: 979/862-3643, fax: 979/862-3075.

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