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## ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will meet on Friday, November 15, 2002. The meeting will be held in the Rachel Carson Great Hall, Third Floor, at the Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The ACHP was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. Section 470) to advise the President and the Congress on historic preservation issues and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The ACHP's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense, and Transportation; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency and General Services Administration; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native Hawaiian; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

- I. Chairman's Welcome
- II. Presentation of Chairman's Awards for Federal Achievement in Historic Preservation
- III. Report of the Executive Committee
  - A. FY 2004 Budget Request
  - B. ACHP Appropriations Authorization
  - C. ACHP Congressional Relations Strategy
- IV. Report of the Preservation Initiatives Committee
  - A. Federal Heritage Tourism Summit
  - B. Followup from Espanola, NM, Heritage Tourism Session
  - C. Legislation related to Heritage Tourism
- V. Report of the Federal Agency Programs Committee
  - A. White House Transportation Infrastructure Streamlining Task Force
  - B. Coordination between Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act and Section 106
  - C. Telecommunications Working Group
  - D. Section 106 Cases
- VI. Report of the Communications, Education, and Outreach Committee
  - A. Historic Preservation Awards Program
  - B. Council Publications Program
  - C. ACHP Communications Plan
- VII. Chairman's Report
  - A. Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Agriculture
  - B. Historic Preservation Executive Order
  - C. Preserve America Initiative
  - D. White House Transportation Infrastructure Streamlining Task Force
- VIII. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Technical Amendments to Section 106 Regulations
  - B. FY 2003 Appropriations Process
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

**Note:** The meetings of the ACHP are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 809, Washington, DC, 202-606-8503, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meeting is available from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., #809, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: October 29, 2002.

**John M. Fowler,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. CN-03-001]

### Cotton Research and Promotion Program: Determination of Whether To Conduct a Referendum Regarding 1990 Amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

### ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) determination not to conduct a continuance referendum regarding the 1991 amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order (Order) provided for in the Cotton Research and Promotion Act (Act) amendments of 1990. This determination is based on the results of a sign-up period conducted June 3 through August 30, 2002, during which eligible cotton producers and importers were provided an opportunity to request a continuance referendum.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Whitney Rick, Chief, Research and Promotion Staff, Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, Stop 0224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0224, telephone (202) 720-2259, facsimile (202) 690-1718, or email at [whitney.rick@usda.gov](mailto:whitney.rick@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the period of June 3 through August 30, 2002, pursuant to section 8(c)(1) of the Act, USDA provided an opportunity for eligible cotton producers and importers to request a continuance referendum regarding the 1991 amendments to the Order provided for in the Act. Sign-up period results showed that a total of 1,550 valid requests were received by USDA from eligible producers in 16 states and from importers. The following table depicts the number of requests for a continuance referendum.

FSA State Office	Sign-up request
Alabama .....	19
Arizona .....	37
Arkansas .....	93
California .....	2
Florida .....	4
Georgia .....	19
Illinois .....	0
Kansas .....	0
Kentucky .....	0
Louisiana .....	31
Maryland .....	0
Mississippi .....	57
Missouri .....	186
Nevada .....	0
New Mexico .....	13
North Carolina .....	23
Oklahoma .....	6
South Carolina .....	2
Tennessee .....	58
Texas .....	611
Virginia .....	10
Importers .....	379

FSA State Office	Sign-up request
Total .....	1,550

Section 8(c)(2) of the Act, provides that following a sign-up period, USDA shall conduct a referendum upon the request of 10 percent or more of the number of cotton producers and importers voting in the most recent referendum (1991). This would require 10 percent or 4,622 ( $46,220 \times .10 = 4,622$ ) of the 46,220 valid ballots cast by cotton producers and importers in the July 1991 referendum. It is further provided that, in counting such request not more than 20 percent or 924 may be from producers from any one state or importers of cotton.

USDA finds that the results of the sign-up period did not meet the criteria requiring a continuance referendum by the Act. USDA bases this determination on the fact that the 1,550 requests received during the sign-up period is less than the 4,622 required.

#### Background

The 1991 amendments to the Order (7 CFR 1205 *et seq.*) were implemented following the July 1991 referendum. The 1990 amendments were provided for in the Act (7 U.S.C. 2101–2118). These amendments provided for: (1) Importer representation on the Cotton Board by an appropriate number of persons, to be determined by USDA, who import cotton or cotton products into the U.S. and whom USDA selects from nominations submitted by importer organization certified by USDA; (2) assessments levied on imported cotton and cotton products at a rate determined in the same manner as for U.S. cotton; (3) increasing the amount USDA can be reimbursed for the conduct of a referendum from \$200,000 to \$300,000; (4) reimbursing government agencies that assist in administering the collection of assessments on imported cotton and cotton products; and (5) terminating the right of producers to demand a refund of assessments.

On July 9, 1991, (56 FR 31289) AMS issued a proposal to amend the Order to determine if a majority, 50 percent or more, of producers and importers favored implementation of the proposed amendments to the Order. USDA conducted a referendum (July 1991) among persons who had been cotton producers or cotton importers during a representative period.

Results of the July 1991 referendum showed that of the 46,220 valid ballots received; 27,879 or 60 percent of the persons voting favored the amendments

to the Order and 18,341 or 40 percent opposed the amendments.

Following the July 1991 referendum, AMS implemented the amendments. In addition to the previously discussed amendments to the Act and Order, USDA is required by section 8(c)(1) to: (1) Conduct a review once every five years after the anniversary date of the referendum implementing the 1990 Act amendments to determine whether a referendum is necessary and (2) make public the results of such a review within 60 days after each fifth anniversary date of the 1991 implementing referendum. Should the review indicate that a referendum is needed USDA is directed to conduct the referendum within 12 months after a public announcement of review results.

Should the review indicate that a referendum is not warranted, section 8(c)(2) includes provisions for producers and importers to request a continuance referendum through a sign-up period.

Pursuant to the Act, on October 8, 1996, USDA issued the results of the first five-year review of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. USDA announced its view not to conduct a referendum regarding the 1991 amendments to the Order (61 FR 52772). From January 15 through April 14, 1997, USDA conducted a sign-up period for all eligible persons to request a continuance referendum on the 1990 Act amendments. The results of the sign-up period did not meet the criteria as established by the Act for a continuance referendum and, therefore, a referendum was not conducted.

On January 14, 2002, USDA issued the results of the second five-year review on the Cotton Research and Promotion Program (67 FR 1714). The report describes the impact of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program on the cotton industry and the views of those receiving its benefits. The review report cited that the 1990 amendments to the Act were successfully implemented and are operating as intended. The report also noted that there is a general consensus within the cotton industry that the Cotton Research and Promotion Program and the 1990 amendments to the Act are operating as intended. Written comments, economic data, and results from two independent evaluations supported this conclusion. Industry comments cited examples how the additional funding has yielded benefits by increasing the demand and consumption for cotton. Based on the findings of the report, USDA found no compelling reason to conduct a referendum regarding the 1990 Act amendments to the Order although

some program participants supported a referendum.

If USDA does not provide for such a referendum on its own initiative, the Act provides that USDA shall conduct such a referendum upon the request of 10 percent or more of the number of cotton producers and importers voting in the most recent referendum. This would be accomplished through a sign-up period conducted by USDA. Determination of the procedures for the conduct of the sign-up period was announced prior to the start of the sign-up period in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 21167).

With this announcement of the results of the sign-up period, USDA has completed all requirements set forth in section 8(c) (1) and (2) of the Act regarding the review of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program to determine if a continuance referendum is warranted. A referendum will not be conducted, and no further actions are planned in connection with this review.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2101–2118.

Dated: October 29, 2002.

**A.J. Yates,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02–035C]

#### **Codex Alimentarius: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service published a document in the **Federal Register** on October 2, 2002, in FR Doc. Number 02–24978 on page 61847, concerning announcement of public meetings. The document contained an incorrect date.

The date for the second public meeting was incorrect. The **DATES** caption should be corrected to read:

“**DATES:** The public meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2002 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, November 19, 2002 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.”