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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03–007N]

Codex Alimentarius: 31st Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on March 20, 2003, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the 31st Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL), which will be held in Ottawa, Canada, on April 28–May 2, 2003. USDA and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the CCFL of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and to address items on the Agenda for the 31st Session of the CCFL.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Auditorium, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD. To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://>

www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp.

If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Clerk and reference Docket Number 03–007N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To gain admittance to this meeting, individuals should preregister. All registrants will need to present a photo ID for entrance into the Auditorium. To pre-register, please contact Ms. Theresa Thomas, at (301) 436–1967 or (301) 436–2636 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Matten, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and properly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The CCFL drafts labeling provisions that are applicable to all foods; considers, amends if necessary, and endorses specific provisions on labeling of draft standards, codes of practice, and guidelines prepared by other Codex committees; studies specific labeling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and studies problems associated with the advertisement of food, with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions. The CCFL is chaired by Canada.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items to be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.
3. Consideration of Labelling Provisions in the Draft Codex Standards.
4. Draft Amendment to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (Class names)*.
5. Draft Amendment to the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (Section 3.2 Listing of Nutrients)*.
6. Draft *Guidelines for the Use of Health and Nutrition Claims*.
7. (a.) Draft Recommendations for the *Labelling of Foods obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering (Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods): Definitions*.
- (b.) Proposed Draft Recommendations for the *Labelling of Foods obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering (Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Labelling of Foods and Food Ingredients Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Engineering): Labelling Provisions*.
8. *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods. Proposed Draft Revised Sections:*
 - (a) Section 5—Criteria, and
 - (b) Annex 2—Permitted Substances.
9. Proposed Draft Amendment to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients*.
10. Consideration of Country of Origin Labelling.
11. Consideration of Food Labelling and Traceability.
12. Discussion *Paper on Misleading Claims*.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Canadian Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the March 20th public meeting, the agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have an opportunity to pose questions and offer

comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the FSIS Docket Room (*see ADDRESSES*). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 31st CCFL.

Additional Information

Pursuant to Departmental Regulation 4300-4, "Civil Rights Impact Analysis," dated September 22, 1993, FSIS has considered the potential civil rights impact of this notice on minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Therefore, to ensure that these groups and others are made aware of this meeting, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of the **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service. In addition, the update is available on line through the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information, contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Office at (202) 720-9113.

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Click on the "Subscribe to the Constituent Update Listserv" link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done at Washington, DC, on March 7, 2003.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Helena National Forest Travel Plan, Helena National Forest, Broadwater, Lewis & Clark, Meagher, and Powell Counties, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On December 1, 2000, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement called the Helena National Forest Travel Plan was published in the 65 FR 75236. This NOI is hereby rescinded due to elapsed time since the appearance of the NOI in the **Federal Register** and changed scope of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chuck Neal, Travel Plan Coordinator, Helena National Forest, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena MT 59601, phone 406-449-5201.

Dated: March 7, 2003.

Allen L. Christophersen,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Addition and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List a product and a service previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Addition: On January 10, 2003, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (68 FR 1434) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractor, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List:

Service: Service Type/Location:

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Aspen, Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco, California.

NPA: Toolworks, Inc., San Francisco, California.

Contract Activity: U.S. Coast Guard Integrated Support Command, Alameda, California.

Deletions:

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action may not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the product and service deleted from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the committee has determined that the product and service listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Accordingly, the following product and service are deleted from the Procurement List:

Product: Product/NSN: Brush, Tooth Brush Style, 7920-00-900-3577.

NPA: None currently authorized.

Contract Activity: GSA, Southwest Supply Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

Service: Service Type/Location:

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Courthouse and Customhouse, Toledo, Ohio.