

system as a management and technical process that addresses user authentication and authorization prerequisites for providing services electronically. The eAuthentication Service provides an electronic alternative to traditional ink signatures. The process requires a voluntary one-time electronic self-registration to obtain an eAuthentication account for each USDA Agency customer desiring access to USDA online services and applications protected by eAuthentication. The information collected through the electronic self-registration process is necessary to enable the electronic authentication of users and grant them access to only those resources for which they are authorized.

Need And Use of the Information: The voluntary self-registration process applies to USDA customers and employees who request access to online USDA services and applications that are protected by eAuthentication. Users can register directly from the eAuthentication Web site located at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov. The information collected through the online self-registration process will be used to provide an eAuthentication account that will enable the electronic authentication of users. The user will then have access to authorized resources without needing to reauthenticate within the context of a single Internet session.

Description of Respondents: Farms; individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; federal government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 38,604.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 25,453.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. TM-06-01]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as

amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; and Thursday, November 17, 2005, 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting are due by the close of business on November 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Channel Inn Hotel, The Captain's Room, 650 Water Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting, or written comments may be sent to Ms. Katherine Benham at USDA-AMS-TMD-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0200. Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent via facsimile to Ms. Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7808 or electronically to Ms. Katherine Benham at Katherine.benham@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine E. Benham, Advisory Board Specialist, National Organic Program, (202) 205-7806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production, and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification; Crops; Livestock; Materials; Handling; and Policy Development.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 77 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 269 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on August 15-17, 2005, in Washington, DC.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

The principal purposes of the meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to receive an update from the USDA/NOP and hear progress reports from NOSB committees regarding work plan items and proposed action items. The NOSB subcommittees (Crops, Livestock, and Handling Committees) will also present and propose, to the full NOSB, recommendations concerning the continued use or prohibition of substances being reviewed under the OFPA's sunset provisions for the National List. The NOSB will vote on these recommendations.

The OFPA authorized a National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The Act also provides that no allowed or prohibited substance would remain on the National List for a period exceeding 5 years unless the exemption or prohibition is reviewed and recommended for renewal by the NOSB and adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture. This expiration is commonly referred to as sunset of the National List. The National List was implemented on October 21, 2002 contained over 170 substances. This first sunset of the National List triggers a review process that must be concluded no later than October 21, 2007. If renewal is not concluded by that date, the use or prohibition of hundreds of materials will no longer be valid for the organic industry, causing most if not all of the organic industry to be in noncompliance with the National Organic Standards. Because this first sunset process involves Federal rulemaking, the NOSB and the NOP has issued guidance and begun work on the National List Sunset process in order to avoid expiration of the National List on October 21, 2007.

For further information, see <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>. Copies of the NOSB meeting agenda can be requested from Ms. Katherine Benham by telephone at (202) 205-7806; or by accessing the NOP Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

The meeting is open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input for Sunset Review on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, from 9:40 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and time for public input on Pasture for Organic Livestock on Thursday, November 17, 2005, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting may forward their request by mail, facsimile, or e-

mail to Katherine Benham at addresses listed in **ADDRESSES** above. While persons wishing to make a presentation for Sunset Review and/or Pasture for Organic Livestock may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure that a person has the opportunity to speak during the allotted time and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and to accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation.

Written comments may also be submitted at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments at the meeting are asked to provide 30 copies.

Interested persons may visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> to view available documents prior to the meeting. Approximately 6 weeks following the meeting interested persons will be able to visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site to view documents from the meeting.

Dated: October 31, 2005.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-026N]

Nominations for the Howard E. Bauman Award

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), a public health regulatory agency committed to ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged, is soliciting nominations for the Howard E. Bauman Award. The award was created to recognize one or more persons who have shown longstanding commitment, leadership, and service to improving food safety. The Agency is interested in receiving nominations of persons who have positively affected food safety and public health.

DATES: Submit nominations by December 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The nomination form is available at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSISForms/4450-1.pdf>. Send nominations to Ms. Faye Smith, Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, FSIS, Room 331-E, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than December 5, 2005. You may also fax nominations to Ms. Smith at (202) 690-0550.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Smith at the address above or by telephone at (202) 720-7025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Howard E. Bauman Award is named to honor Dr. Howard E. Bauman, who was widely recognized for his pioneering efforts to develop the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) food safety system. HACCP is a preventative system that is designed to reduce the occurrence and numbers of pathogenic microorganisms on foods, particularly meat and poultry products, reduce the incidence of foodborne illness associated with consumption of those products, and provide a framework for modernization of the meat and poultry inspection system.

Since its full implementation in 2000, HACCP has been the foundation of the inspections that are performed daily by FSIS inspection program personnel at approximately 6,300 Federal meat and poultry establishments in the United States. The Howard E. Bauman Award is the highest food safety honor presented by FSIS. The non-monetary award was first presented posthumously in 2002 to Dr. Bauman. His daughter accepted the award on his behalf. In 2004, the award was presented to Dr. Dell Allen of Cargill, Incorporated, for his innovations and contributions to the meat and poultry industry in the area of food safety.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for nomination, the candidate must meet the following criteria:

- *Citizenship.* Any U.S. citizen or citizens may be nominated.
- *Improving Food Safety.* The nominee's contribution must have significantly improved food safety and public health or have advanced the state of science toward that goal. The improvement need not be limited to the arena of meat, poultry, and egg products. The achievement may be of service to all citizens and should be described in terms meaningful to the lay person.
- *Longstanding Commitment, Leadership, and Service.* The nominee

overcame challenges or collaborated with others to achieve the food safety improvement described above.

- *Length.* The narrative portion of the submitted nomination should not exceed two typed, single-spaced pages on standard 8.5x11 size paper using a font size of at least 12, in a style similar to Times New Roman style, and a one-inch margin. No bibliographies, news releases, or other documentation should be submitted with the completed form.

- *Nominator.* Any person or organization may nominate a person or persons for the award. Nominations submitted anonymously will not be considered. Nominations for the award will be reviewed by the Nomination Review Committee appointed by the Under Secretary for Food Safety and the Administrator of FSIS. The committee will rank all nominations that meet the basic criteria and forward its recommendations to the Under Secretary and Administrator. They will make the final determination of the recipient of the 2005 Howard E. Bauman Award, who will then be notified in writing. A ceremony will be held to present the 2005 award.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public, and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005/Notices_Index/.

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