Respondents: Full-time salaried veterinarians employed by the national government of the exporting region.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 4.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.75.

Estimated annual number of responses: 7.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 8 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of August 2009.

William H. Clay,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2009–0025]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Fifteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

AGENCY: Office of the Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA, are sponsoring a public meeting on September 17, 2009. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 15th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex). The Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety and AMS recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 15th Session of the CCFFV and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 2068, USDA South Building at 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 15th CCFFV Session will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: *http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp*.

The U.S. Delegate to the 15th Session of the CCFFV invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address *dorian.lafond@usda.gov*.

For Further Information About the 15th CCFFV Session Contact: Dorian LaFond, International Standards Coordinator, AMS Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Stop 0235, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 690–4944, E-mail: *dorian.lafond@usda.gov*.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Doreen Chen-Moulec, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 205–7760, E-mail: *doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade. The CCFFV is hosted by Mexico.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 15th CCFFV Session will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees;
- Matters Arising from other International Organizations on the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: (i) UNECE Standard for Apples (FFV–50); (ii) UNECE Standard for Avocados (FFV–42);
- Draft Section 6 ''Marking or Labeling'' (Draft Standard for Bitter Cassava);
- Draft Standard for Apples;
- Proposed Draft Standard for Avocado (revision) (N19–2008);
- Proposed Draft Standard for Chili Peppers (N17–2008);
- Proposed Draft Standard for Tree Tomato (N18–2008);
- Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;
- Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—Comments in Response to CL 2008/13–FFV;
- Glossary of Terms used in the Proposed Layout for Codex Standards on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;
- Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—CL 2008/13–FFV.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents via the World Wide Web at the following address: *http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp*.

Public Meeting

At the September 17, 2009 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 15th CCFFV Session, Dorian LaFond (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 15th CCFFV Session.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at *http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009_Notices_Index/*. FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page.

Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at *http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/*. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on August 5, 2009.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the revision of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov*. Include A0651–0024 comment@ in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.
- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Administrative Management Group, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Robert A. Clarke, Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–7735; or by e-mail to *Robert.Clarke@uspto.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Patent applications that contain nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures must include a copy of the sequence listing in accordance with the requirements in 37 CFR 1.821–1.825. The rules of practice require applicants to submit these sequence listings in a standard international format that is consistent with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standard ST.25 (1998). Applicants may submit sequence listings for both U.S. and international patent applications.

The USPTO uses the sequence listings during the examination process to determine the patentability of the associated patent application. Sequence listings are also disclosed as part of the published patent application or issued patent. Sequence listings that are extremely long (files larger than 600K or approximately 300 printed pages) are published only in electronic form and are available to the public on the USPTO sequence data Web page.

The sequence listing required by 37 CFR 1.821(c) for U.S. patent applications may be submitted on paper, compact disc (CD), or through EFS–Web, the USPTO's online filing system. Sequence listings for international applications may be submitted on paper or through EFS–Web only, though sequence listings that are too large to be filed electronically through EFS–Web may be submitted on a separate CD. Applicants may use EFS–Web to file a sequence listing online with a patent application or subsequent to a previously filed application.

Under 37 CFR 1.821(e)–(f), applicants must also submit a copy of the sequence listing in a computer-readable form@ (CRF) with a statement indicating that the CRF copy of the sequence listing is identical to the paper or CD copy required by 1.821(c). Applicants may submit the CRF copy of the sequence listing to the USPTO on CD or other acceptable media as provided in 37 CFR 1.824. Sequence listings that are submitted online through EFS–Web in the proper text format do not require a separate CRF copy or the associated statement.

If the CRF sequence listing in a new application is identical to the CRF sequence listing of another application that the applicant already has on file at the USPTO, 37 CFR 1.821(e) permits the applicant to refer to the CRF listing in the other application rather than having to submit a duplicate copy of the CRF listing for the new application. In such a case, the applicant may submit a letter identifying the application and CRF sequence listing that is already on file and stating that the sequence listing submitted in the new application is identical to the CRF copy already filed with the previous application. The USPTO is proposing to add a new form to this collection, Request for Transfer of a Computer Readable Form Under 37 CFR 1.821(e) (PTO/SB/93), in order to assist customers in submitting this statement.

This information collection contains the sequence listings that are submitted with biotechnology patent applications. Information pertaining to the filing of the initial patent application itself is collected under OMB Control Number 0651–0032, and international applications submitted under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are covered under OMB Control Number 0651–0021.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, hand delivery, or electronically to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–0024.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/93.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,750 responses per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately six minutes (0.10 hours) to one hour and 20 minutes (1.33 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the form or sequence listing, and submit it to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 7,254 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: $725,400 per year. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by paraprofessionals at an estimated rate of $100 per hour. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be approximately $725,400 per year.