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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2012–0012]

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health; Notice of Solicitation for Membership

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary is soliciting nominations for membership for this Committee to serve for 2- to 3-year staggered terms.

DATES: Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before July 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Completed nomination forms should be sent to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. R.J. Cabrera, Writing, Editing, and Regulatory Coordination, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 35, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–3478, email: rj.cabrera@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health (SACAH or the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on strategies, policies, and programs to prevent, control, or eradicate animal diseases. The Committee considers agricultural initiatives of national scope and significance and advises on matters of public health, conservation of national resources, stability of livestock economies, livestock disease management and traceability strategies, prioritizing animal health imperatives, and other related aspects of agriculture.

The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are elected by the Committee from among its members.

Terms will expire for the current members of the Committee in August 2012. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals. An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership. Nomination forms are available on the Internet at <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf> or may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Secretary will select members to obtain the broadest possible representation on the Committee, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.2) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulation 1041–1. Equal opportunity practices, in line with the USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of May 2012.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2012–0029]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is sponsoring a public meeting on June 5, 2012. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions that will be discussed at the

35th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will be held in Rome, Italy, July 2–7, 2012. The Under Secretary for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 35th Session of the CAC and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012, from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at The Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 35th Session of the CAC will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 35th Session of the CAC invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

Call-In Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 35th Session of the CAC, by conference call, please use the call-in number and participant code listed below:

Call in Number: 1–888–858–2144.

Participant Code: 6208658.

For Further Information About the 35th Session of the CAC Contact: Barbara McNiff, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC, 20250, Telephone: (202) 690–4719, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Jasmine Curtis, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4865, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 690–1124, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: Jasmine.Curtis@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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 fair practices in the food trade; promotes coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non governmental organizations; determines priorities and initiates and guides the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations; finalizes standards elaborated and publish them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or worldwide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies, wherever this is practicable; amends published standards, as appropriate, in the light of new developments.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 35th Session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual
 - Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual
 - Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those Submitted at Step 5 with a Recommendation to Omit Steps 6 and 7 and at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure)
 - Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5
 - Revocation of Existing Codex Standards and Related Texts
 - Amendments to the Codex Standards and Related Texts
 - Proposals for the Elaboration of New Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work
 - Matters Referred to the Commission by Codex Committees and Task Forces
 - Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
 - (a) General Implementation Status
 - (b) Draft Codex Strategic Plan 2014–2019
 - Matters Arising from FAO and WHO
 - (a) FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
 - (b) Other Matters Arising from FAO and WHO
 - Financial and Budgetary Matters
 - Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations
 - Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 - Designation of Countries Responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces
 - Other Business
- 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 (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the June 5, 2012, 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 35th Session of the CAC (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 35th session of the CAC.

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Done at Washington, DC on: May 21, 2012.

Paulo Almeida,

U.S. Codex Alimentarius Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Educational Activity Submissions.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0309.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 129.

Average Hours per Response: Scientific research plans, 37 hours; scientific research reports, 3 hours; exempted fishing permit (EP) requests, 37 hours; EFP reports, 15 hours; exempted educational requests, 4 hours; reports, 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 6,073.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

Fishery regulations do not generally affect scientific research activities conducted by a scientific research vessel. Persons planning to conduct such research are encouraged to submit a scientific research plan to ensure that the activities are considered research and not fishing. The researchers are requested to submit reports of their scientific research activity after its completion. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) may also grant exemptions from fishery regulations for educational or other activities (e.g., using non-regulation gear). The applications for these exemptions must be submitted, as well as reports on activities.