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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV01-369]

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of establishment; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee). The purpose of the Committee is to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. USDA also seeks nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as Committee members.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before September 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Mr. Robert C. Kenney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, Room 2077 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 720-4722, E-mail—robert.kenney@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has established the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

The members of the Committee will elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee who will serve for a 2-year term. In absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson will act in the Chairperson's stead. The Deputy Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service's Fruit and Vegetable Programs will serve as the Committee's Executive Secretary. Representatives from USDA mission areas and agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry will be called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee Chairperson.

Industry members will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and serve 2-year terms. Membership will consist of twenty (20) members who represent the fruit and vegetable industry and will include; six (6) representatives of fresh fruit and vegetable growers/shippers; four (4) representatives of fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers; two (2) representatives of brokers; two (2) representatives of retailers; two (2) representatives of fruit and vegetable processors; two (2) representatives of foodservice suppliers; one (1) state department of agriculture official; and one (1) trade association representative.

The Secretary of Agriculture invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above to nominate individuals for membership on the Committee. Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership to the Committee. The Secretary of Agriculture seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

Individuals receiving nominations will be contacted and biographical information must be completed and returned to USDA within 10 working days of notification, to expedite the clearance process that is required before selection by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Committee in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the

diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and limited resource agriculture producers.

Dated: August 15, 2001.

Lou Gallegos,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-064-2]

Animal Disease Risk Assessment, Prevention, and Control Act

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of change of date for public meeting and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are announcing a change in the date of a public meeting regarding the development of a report required by the Animal Disease Risk Assessment, Prevention, and Control Act of 2001 and are extending the period during which we will accept comments on the subject. The report will discuss the economic impacts that would be associated with the potential introduction of foot-and-mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases into the United States; the potential risks posed by those diseases to public and animal health; and recommendations to protect the health of animal herds and U.S. citizens from those risks. We will use the information gathered through public comments to assist us in developing this report. Extending the comment period and postponing the meeting will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: We invite you to comment on Docket No. 01-064-1, published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 41195-41197) on August 7, 2001. We will consider all comments that we receive by October 9, 2001. We will also consider comments made at a public meeting that will be held on September 28, 2001, from 9 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 01-064-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01-064-1.

We will also accept comments electronically via the Animal Disease Risk Assessment, Prevention, and Control website at <http://comments.aphis.usda.gov>.

You may read any comments that we receive on Docket No. 01-064-1 in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

The public meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD, Conference Rooms C and D.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William O. Macheel, Policy and Program Development, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 120, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-4420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 7, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 41195-41197, Docket No. 01-064-1) a notice regarding the Animal Disease Risk Assessment, Prevention, and Control Act of 2001. In that notice, we solicited comments on the development of a report required by that Act and announced that we would be hosting a public meeting on that subject.

Comments on the development of the report were required to be received on or before September 6, 2001, and the public meeting was scheduled to take place on August 24, 2001. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. 01-064-1 for an additional 30 days until October 9, 2001. We are also postponing the public meeting; that meeting is now scheduled for September 28, 2001. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of August 2001.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-025N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

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), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting, on Friday, October 12, 2001. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU), to be held in Berlin, Germany, November 26-30, 2001. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 23rd Session of CCNFSDU and to address items on the agenda.

DATE: The public meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2001, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 1409, Federal Building 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 200 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20204. To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact the FSIS Docket Room, 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>. Submit one original and two copies of written comments to FSIS Docket Room at the address above and reference Docket 01-025N. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available

for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Edward Scarbrough Ph.D., U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Telephone (202) 205-7760; Fax: (202) 720-3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Dr. Scarbrough at the above number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission 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 encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. 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 correctly labeled.

The CCNFSDU was established to study specific nutritional problems assigned to it by the Commission and advise the Commission on general nutritional issues; to draft general provisions as appropriate, concerning the nutritional aspects of all foods; to develop standards, guidelines or related texts for foods for special dietary uses, in cooperation with other committees when necessary; and to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse provisions on nutritional aspects proposed for inclusion in Codex standards, guidelines and related texts. The committee is hosted by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items will be on the Agenda for the 23rd Session of the Committee and will be discussed at this meeting. Documents related to these items will be issued from Codex in Rome and will be available prior to the meeting.

- Guidelines for Use of Nutrition Claims: Draft Table of Conditions for Nutrient Contents: Dietary Fibre
- Draft Revised Standard for Gluten-Free Foods