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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 10, 2006.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: The Pennsylvania Rural Eligibility Pilot Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Pennsylvania Rural Eligibility Pilot is a pilot of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Congress created the SFSP in 1968 as the Special Food Service Program for Children. In 1975, separate Child Care Food Program and a Summer Food Service Program were authorized. SFSP was authorized to provide free and reduced price meals to children in residential Summer camps and sites serving areas of poor economic conditions, where at least one-third of the children qualify and are eligible to participate. The Pennsylvania Rural Area Eligibility Pilot will address the concern that some poor rural children may not be reached by the SFSP. Public Law 108-265 established a pilot for the SFSP in rural areas of Pennsylvania for Calendar 2005 and 2006.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected from the pilot will be used by managers and administrators of the USDA, in particular the Child Nutrition Program of the Food and Nutrition Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Education Food and Nutrition Division, for the purpose of planning, organizing, and delivering SFSP services. The information collected from the pilot will include the number of sponsors offering meals through SFSP; the number of sites offering meals through SFSP; the geographic location of the sites; and services provided to eligible children.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 306.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 77.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2006-0022]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products

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, are sponsoring a public meeting on September 6, 2006. 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 28th Session of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Beijing, China from September 18-22, 2006. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties with the opportunity to obtain background information on the 28th Session of the CCFFP and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in room 3B-047, of the Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland 20740. Documents related to the 28th Session of the CCFFP will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. FSIS prefers to receive comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select the FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2006-0022 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, USDA, FSIS, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Electronic mail:
fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2006-0022.

All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be posted to the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site. The background information and comments also will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, the U.S. Delegate to the CCFFP, Mr. Philip Spiller of FDA, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address:
melissa.ellwanger@fda.hhs.gov.

Pre-Registration: To gain admittance to this meeting, individuals must present a photo ID for identification and also are required to pre-register. In addition, no cameras or videotaping equipment will be permitted in the meeting room. To pre-register, please send the following information to this e-mail address—

melissa.ellwanger@fda.hhs.gov by September 5, 2006:

- Your Name,
- Organization,
- Mailing Address,
- Phone number,
- E-mail address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 28TH SESSION OF THE CCFFP CONTACT:

Melissa Ellwanger, Assistant to the U.S. Delegate to the CCFFP, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740-3835; Phone: (301) 436-1401; Fax: (301) 436-2549. E-mail: melissa.ellwanger@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:

Amjad Ali, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South

Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 205-7760; Fax: (202) 720-3157.

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. 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 protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in trade.

The Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products was established to elaborate codes, standards and related texts for fish and fishery products. The Committee is hosted by Norway.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 28th Session of the Committee will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee from the other Codex bodies.
- Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Canned Sardine and Sardine Type Products: *Clupea bentincki*.
- Draft Standard for Sturgeon Caviar.
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (sections 2 Definitions, 7 Live and [Raw] Bivalve Molluscs, 10 Quick Frozen Fish and Fishery Products (sections on Molluscan Shellfish and Coated Shrimp only), 11 Processing of Salted Fish, 12 Processing of Smoked Fish, 13 Processing of Lobsters & Crabs).
- Proposed Draft Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs.
- Proposed Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Scallop Adductor Muscle Meat.
- Proposed Draft Standard for Smoked Fish.
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Processing of Scallop Meat.
- Discussion Paper on the Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Standards for Fish and Fishery Products.
- Discussion Paper on an Amendment to the Labeling Section in the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Norwegian

Secretariat prior to the public meeting on September 6. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents at <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Public Meeting

At the September 6th public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described, 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 28th Session of the CCFFP, Mr. Philip Spiller, at melissa.ellwanger@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 28th Session of the CCFFP.

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/2006_Notices_Index. FSIS also will 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, recalls 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 and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is 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 e-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 account.

Done at Washington, DC on: August 10, 2006.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: USDA Rural Development administers rural utilities programs through the Rural Utilities Service (Agency). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Agency invites comments on the following information collections for which Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 16, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5818, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0784. Fax: (202) 720-8435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use

of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Fax: (202) 720-0784.

Title: CFR Part 1794, Environmental policies and Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0117.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information collection contained in this rule are requirements prescribed by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4346), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Executive Orders. USDA Rural Development administers rural utilities programs through the Rural Utilities Service (Agency). Agency applicants provide environmental documentation, as prescribed by the rule, to assure that policy contained in NEPA is followed. The burden varies depending on the type, size, and location of each project, which then prescribes the type of information collection involved. The collection of information is only that information that is essential for the Agency to provide environmental safeguards and to comply with NEPA as implemented by the CEQ regulations.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 240 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and non-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 450,200 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, at (202) 720-7853. FAX: (202) 720-7853.

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

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Curtis M. Anderson,

Deputy Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development Utilities