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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 15, 2016.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 regarding this information collection received by January 19, 2017 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. 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.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0046.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) awards funds to recipients under the USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Program (USDA LRP Program). The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the "2008 Farm Bill"), as amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the "2014 Farm Bill"), provided that the Secretary of Agriculture will provide grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, eligible organizations to implement field-based projects that consist of local or regional procurements of eligible commodities in developing countries to provide development assistance and respond to food crisis and disasters, in the case of emergencies, in consultation with United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Offices of Food for Peace. The USDA LRP Program aims to support development activities to strengthen the capacity of food-insecure developing countries and address the cause of chronic food insecurity.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information from the Participant to determine its ability to carry out a food aid program, to establish the terms under which procured commodities will be provided, to monitor the progress of procurement of commodities (including how transportation is procured), to monitor the progress of expenditure of funds, and to evaluate both the program's success and the Participant's effectiveness in meeting intended results.

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

Number of Respondents: 22.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 14,365.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2016-0045]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) are sponsoring a public meeting on January 24, 2017. 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 25th Session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 27-March 3, 2017. The Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 25th Session of the CCFO and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Harvey Wiley Building, United States Food and Drug Administration, CFSAN, 5001 Campus Drive, Room Number 1A-001, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 25th Session of the CCFO will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Paul South, U.S. Delegate to the 25th Session of the CCFO, invites U.S.

interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: *Paul.South@fda.hhs.gov*.

Call-in-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 25th Session of the CCFO by conference call, please use the call-in-number and participant code listed below.

Call-in-Number: 1-888-844-9904.

The participant code will be posted on the following Web page below: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 25TH SESSION OF THE CCFO CONTACT: Paul South, Review Chemist, Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (240) 402-1640, Fax: (301) 436-2632, Email: *Paul.South@fda.hhs.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: *Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The 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, the Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in the food trade.

The CCFO is responsible for elaborating worldwide standards for fats and oils of animal, vegetable and marine origin including margarine and olive oil. The Committee is hosted by Malaysia.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 25th Session of the CCFO will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Subsidiary Bodies;
- Activities of International Organizations relevant to the Work of the CCFO;
- Proposed draft Standard for Fish Oils and Proposed draft Revision to the Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils (CODEX STAN 33-1981); Revision of the Limit for Campesterol;

- Proposed draft revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999): Addition of Palm Oil with High Oleic Acid (OxG);
- Proposed draft revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999): Revision of Fatty Acid Composition and Other Quality Factors of Peanut Oil;
- Proposals for the transfer of provisions, other than those in Table 3 and Table 4, from the Appendix into the main body of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999);
- Review of the List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes (Appendix II to RCP 36-1987);
- Discussion Paper on the Revision of Limits of Oleic and Linoleic Acids in Sunflower seed Oils in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999);
- Discussion Paper on the Inclusion of Provisions for Walnut Oil, Almond Oil, Hazelnut Oil, Pistachio Oil, Flaxseed Oil, and Avocado Oil in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999);
- Discussion Paper on the Replacement of Acid Value with Free Fatty Acids for Virgin Palm Oils in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999);
- Discussion Paper on the Inclusion of Quality Parameters for Crude Rice Bran Oil in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999);
- Discussion Paper on the Inclusion of Unrefined Edible Tallow in the Standard for Named Animal Fats (CODEX STAN 211-1999); and
- Other business and future work.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat before to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the January 24, 2017 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed. 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 25th Session of CCFO, Paul South (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 25th Session of the CCFO.

Additional Public Notification

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410, **Fax:** (202) 690-7442, **Email:** program.intake@usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.), should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Done at Washington, DC, on December 13, 2016.

Paulo Almeida,

Acting U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2016-0036]

Notice of Request for a New Information Collection: In-Home Food Safety Behaviors and Consumer Education: Annual Observational Study

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to collect information in the form of observational studies to inform the development of food safety communication products and to evaluate public health education and communication activities.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this information collection. Comments may be submitted by one 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. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Docket Clerk, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2016-0036. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any

personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* In-Home Food Safety Behaviors and Consumer Education: Annual Observational Study.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53) as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 453 *et seq.*, 601 *et seq.*). FSIS protects the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly marked, labeled, and packaged.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Education (USDA, FSIS, OPACE) ensures that all segments of the farm-to-table chain receive valuable food safety information. The consumer education programs developed by OPACE's Food Safety Education Staff inform the public on how to safely handle, prepare, and store meat, poultry, and processed egg products to minimize incidence of foodborne illness.

OPACE strives to continuously increase consumer awareness of recommended food safety practices with the intent to improve food-handling behaviors at home. OPACE shares its messages through The *Food Safe Families* campaign (a cooperative effort of USDA, Food and Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); other advertising; social media; AskKaren (an online database of frequently asked food safety questions); the FSIS Web site; the Meat and Poultry Hotline; publications; and events. These messages are focused on the four core food safety behaviors: Clean, separate, cook, and chill.

To test new consumer messaging and tailor existing messaging, FSIS can help ensure that it is effectively communicating with the public and working to improve consumer food safety practices. This behavioral

research will provide insight into the effect FSIS consumer outreach campaigns have on consumers' food safety behaviors. The results of this research will be used to enhance messaging and accompanying materials to improve their food safety behavior. Additionally, this research will provide useful information for tracking progress toward the goals outlined in the FSIS Fiscal Years 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.

To inform the development of food safety communication products and to evaluate public health education and communication activities, FSIS is requesting approval for a new information collection to conduct observational studies using an experimental design. Previous research suggests that self-reported data (e.g., surveys) on consumers' food safety practices are unreliable, thus observational studies are a preferred approach for collecting information on consumers' actual food safety practices. These observational studies will help FSIS assess adherence to the four recommended food safety behaviors of clean, separate, cook, and chill, and to determine whether food safety messaging focused on those behaviors affects consumer food safety handling behaviors and whether consumers introduce cross-contamination during food preparation. For this 3-year study, FSIS plans to conduct an observational study each year and to focus on a different behavior, food and food preparation task, and food safety communication product each year. The initial study will examine participants' use of a food thermometer to determine if meat and poultry products are cooked to the proper temperatures. FSIS may decide to continue to conduct these studies annually, and if so, will request a renewal to extend the expiration date for the information collection request.

FSIS has contracted with RTI International to conduct the observational studies. The observational studies will be conducted in North Carolina State University's test kitchen. Participants will be recruited using convenience sampling, and recruited participants will reflect the demographics of the U.S. population with regard to race, ethnicity, age, education, income, and household size. Using a fully randomized experimental design, participants will be assigned to a treatment or control group. Treatment participants will receive food safety messaging prior to the study, while control participants will receive messaging unrelated to food safety. Participants will be given ingredients and asked to prepare a meal consisting of ready to eat products and meat or