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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-006N]

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, United States 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 October 18, 2005. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions that will be discussed at the 27th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Bonn, Germany, November 21-25, 2005. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 27th Session of CCNFSDU and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2005, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Auditorium (1A003), Food and Drug Administration, Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD. Parking is adjacent to this building, and the College Park metro station is across the street. Documents related to the 27th Session of the CCNFSDU will be

accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250. All comments received must include the Agency name and docket number 05-006N. All comments submitted in response to this notice, 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. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Notices_Index/.

In addition to submitting comments by mail to the above address, the U.S. Delegate to the CCNFSDU, Dr. Barbara Schneeman of the Food and Drug Administration, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address (nancy.crane@cfsan.fda.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 nancy.crane@cfsan.fda.gov by *October 11, 2005*:

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

About the 27th session of the CCNFSDU: Nancy Crane, Assistant to the U.S. Delegate to the CCNFSDU, Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-800), College Park, MD 20740, phone: (301) 436-1450, Fax: (301) 436-2636. E-mail: nancy.crane@cfsan.fda.gov. *About the public meeting:* Ellen Matten, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex

Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex 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.

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 CCNFSDU is hosted by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 27th Session of the Committee will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee from other Codex bodies.
- Guidelines for Use of Nutrition Claims: Draft Table of Conditions for Nutrient Contents: (Part B, containing provisions on Dietary Fibre).
- Discussion Paper on the Proposals for Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes.
- Draft Revised Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children.

- Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants:
- Section A: Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula Proposals of the Working Group for the Section on Food Additives;
- Section B: Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants.
- Advisory List of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intended for the Use by Infants and Young Children.

- Proposed Draft Recommendations on the Scientific Basis of Health Claims.

- Discussion Paper on the Application of Risk Analysis to the Work of the CCNFSDU.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the German Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents at: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Public Meeting

At the October 18th 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 27th Session of CCNFSDU, Dr. Barbara Schneeman (*see ADDRESSES*). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 27th Session of the CCNFSDU.

Additional Public Information

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public, and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Notices_Index/.

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and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

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Done at Washington, DC on August 8, 2005.

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U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Region, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest, Mesa County, CO; Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Sheep Flats Diversity Unit Timber Sales

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to supplement an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement for the Sheep Flats Diversity Unit Timber Sale to present additional information concerning Management Indicator Species (MIS), and Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species (TES).

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by 45 days after publication of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected August 2005 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected October 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Connie Clementson, District Ranger, Grand Valley Ranger District, 2777 Crossroads Blvd, Unit 1, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol McKenzie, Team Leader at cmckenzie@fed.us or (208) 634-0761; or Ken Anderson, Timber Group Leader, Forest Supervisor's Office, 2250 Highway 50, Delta, CO 81416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is proposing to prepare a supplement to the final environmental impact statement for the Sheep Flats Diversity Unit Timber Sales. In accordance with FSH 1909.15, the 1998 final environmental impact statements and 2001 final supplemental environmental impact statement has been reviewed. New information have been discovered in the form of court decisions and regulations at 26 CFR 219 concerning the analysis and use of Management Indicator Species (MIS). In addition, species lists for Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species have changed since the final environmental impact statement and final supplemental environmental impact statement were issued. The forest Service will supplement the final environmental impact statement by analyzing and presenting additional information concerning wildlife resources. The scope and analysis of the proposed supplement to the final environmental impact statement will be limited to the Management Indicator Species Assessment, Amended Biological Assessment and Amended Biological Evaluation.

The original Notice of Intent for this project was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 57, No. 31, February 14, 1992. A revised Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 61, No. 177, September 11, 1996. In June 1998, a Record of Decision was issued. This decision was appealed on August 17, 1998. On October 1, 1998, the Appeal Deciding Officer recommended that the June 1998 decision be reversed because of the deficiencies in the water quality and soils analyses. A Notice of Intent to supplement the final environmental impact statement with additional information regarding water quality and soils was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 63, No. 222, November 18, 1998. A new Record of Decision and final supplemental environmental impact statement were approved on October 1, 2001 by then Forest Supervisor Robert L. Storch. The approved decision was to implement Alternative 4 and associated mitigation measures as detailed on pages 2 through 8 of the Record of Decision. This decision was appealed on November 19, 2001. The Appeal Deciding Officer upheld the decision on December 20, 2001.