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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 4, 2005.

AGENCY: 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.

Rural Housing Service

Title: RD 3550-28, "Authorization Agreement for Preauthorization Payments"; RD 1951-65, "Customer Initiated Payments (CIP)" and RD 1951-66, "Fedwire Worksheet".

OMB Control Number: 0575-0184.

Summary of Collection: Rural Development (RD) uses electronic methods for receiving and processing loan payments and collections. These electronic collection methods are approved by Treasury and include Preauthorized Debits (PAD), Customer Initiated Payments (CIP), and FedWire. These electronic collection methods provide the borrower the ability to submit their loan payments the day prior to, or the day of their installment due date. To administer these electronic payment methods, RD will use approved agency forms for collecting financial institution routing information. Form RD 3550-28, Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments, is prepared by the borrower to authorize RD to electronically collect regular loan payments from a borrower's account at a financial institution (FI) as preauthorized debits. Form RD 1951-65, is prepared by the borrower to enroll in CIP. CIP is an electronic collection method that enables borrowers to input payment data to a contract bank via telephone (touch tone and voice) or computer terminal. Form RD 1951-66, FedWire Worksheet, is completed by the borrower to establish an electronic FedWire format with their FI.

Need and Use of the Information: RD will request that borrowers make payments electronically via PAD, CIP, or FedWire. The information is collected only once unless the FI routing information changes. If the information were not collected, RD would be unable to collect loan payments electronically.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 22,263.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 11,132.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-008N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Proposals for New Work and Priorities for the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived From Biotechnology

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; 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), United States Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on April 7, 2005, to provide information and receive public comments on the draft U.S. responses to Codex Circular Letter CL 2005/2-FBT: Proposals for new work to be undertaken by the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology. Following approval at the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (from June 28 to July 3, 2004) to establish the Task Force, under the chairmanship of Japan, Codex agreed to solicit comments on the work that the Task Force ought to undertake and on the priorities for this new work.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2005, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107-A of the Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

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:

- 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 20730. All comments received must include the Agency name and docket number 05-008N.

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/index.asp.

For Further Information About the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived From Biotechnology, Contact: Bernice Slutsky, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Secretary for Biotechnology, Office of the Secretary, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 690-0735; electronic mail: bernice.slutsky@usda.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Paulo Almeida, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone: (202) 690-4042; facsimile: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (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 standard-setting organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. 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. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology develops standards, guidelines, and recommendations for foods derived from modern biotechnology or for traits introduced into foods by modern biotechnology. The standards, guidelines, and recommendations are developed on the basis of scientific evidence and risk analysis, having regard, where

appropriate, for other legitimate factors relevant to the health of consumers and the promotion of fair practices in the food trade.

Public Meeting

At the April 7, 2005, public meeting, attendees will have an opportunity to pose questions and offer comments on draft U.S. responses to Codex Circular Letter CL 2005/2-FBT: proposals for new work to be undertaken by the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Dr. Bernice Slutsky (*see addresses*). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology. Members of the public may access Circular Letter CL 2005/2-FBT at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Codex_cl05_02e.pdf.

Additional Public Notification

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/index.asp.

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Done at Washington, DC, on April 4, 2005.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Ghashim Group, Inc. d.b.a. KZ Results; Mazen Ghashim; MNC Group International, Inc. d.b.a. Wearform, d.b.a. Sports Zone, d.b.a. Soccer Zone

In the Matter of: Ghashim Group, Inc., d.b.a. KZ Results, 3334 Walnut Bend Lane, Houston, Texas 77042 and Mazen Ghashim, 10734 Overbrook Lane, Houston, Texas 77042, Respondents, and, MNC Group International, Inc., d.b.a. Wearform, d.b.a. Sports Zone, d.b.a. Soccer Zone, 3334 Walnut Bend Lane, Houston, Texas 77042; Related Person.

Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges

Pursuant to Section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR"),¹ the Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS"), U.S. Department of Commerce, through its Office of Export Enforcement ("OEE"), has requested that I issue an Order temporarily denying the export privileges under the EAR of: Ghashim Group, Inc. doing business as ("d.b.a.") KZ Results, 3334 Walnut Bend Lane, Houston, Texas 77042 ("Ghashim Group") and Mazen Ghashim, 10734 Overbrook Lane, Houston, Texas 77042 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Respondents"); and related person

¹ The EAR, which are currently codified at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (2004), are issued under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. 2401-2420) (the "Act"). From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12,924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 CFR, 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the EAR in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1707 (2000)) ("IEEPA"). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized and remained in effect through August 20, 2001. Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13,222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), as extended by the Notice of August 6, 2004, (69 FR 48763 (August 10, 2004)), continued the Regulations in effect under the IEEPA.