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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–FGIS–18–0053]

United States Standards for Canola

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action is being taken under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended, (USGSA). The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is making no changes regarding the United States (U.S.) Standards for Canola under the USGSA.

DATES: *Applicability date:* December 29, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Giese, USDA AMS; Telephone: (816) 702–3926; Email: Gregory.J.Giese@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4 of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 76(a)) grants the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to establish standards for grain regarding kind, class, quality, and condition. AMS published a request for information on June 29, 2018, in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 30590), inviting interested parties to comment on whether the current canola standards and grading practices needed to be amended. Based on a request to extend the comment period, AMS reopened the comment period in a **Federal Register** publication on October 2, 2018.

AMS received a total of eight comments, during two separate comment periods, one of which requested that AMS extend the first comment period. Two comments requested the establishment of a national calibration for canola oil content to guarantee fair trade. Another comment requested the establishment of a national monitoring program for

canola oil testing, to reduce the variability in canola oil results.

In response to those comments, AMS notes that oil content is not a grade determining factor in any of the United States Standards for Grain. At this time, AMS has not received any comments that would support adding oil content as a grading factor to the canola standards. To pursue the development of standardized calibrations for analysis such oil content, the oil content of a specific grain would need to be identified as official criteria. AMS offers tests for official criteria, but the results do not impact the grade. A notice to propose official criteria must be published in the **Federal Register** (7 CFR 800.4). Because oil content is not an official criterion for canola, AMS is not pursuing the establishment of a national monitoring program for oil content.

AMS received one comment requesting the addition of erucic acid to the U.S. Standards for Canola because of its effect on human health. The commenter cited the English Centre for Food Safety as recommending erucic acid not exceed 5 percent of the weight of the fatty acid in oils. In response to this comment, AMS has already established, in the canola standard, the maximum level of erucic acid in canola (7 CFR 810.301). Canola, by definition, must contain less than 2 percent erucic acid in its fatty acid profile.

AMS received another comment from a stakeholder recommending the table of Grades and Grade Requirements in the Canola Regulations be changed to match the same table in Grain Inspection Handbook II, Chapter 3 Canola. AMS has reviewed the tables and confirmed that the information in the table of Grades and Grade Requirements is correct in both the Regulations and the Handbook, with differences only in formatting. AMS prefers the format of the table in the Regulations and will format the layout of the table in the Handbook to match the Regulations.

AMS received two additional comments, of which one was not germane to the request for information, and another provided support for retaining the Canola Standards without change, stating that they are meeting their stated purpose.

Final Action

Based on the comments received, AMS–FGIS is making no changes to the U.S Standards for Canola at this time.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k)

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS–SC–22–0090]

Virtual Meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is announcing a meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (FVIAC). This meeting is being convened to discuss general Federal Advisory Committee operations for newly appointed representatives, hold elections, receive updates from USDA offices, and perform a series of administrative actions.

DATES: The FVIAC will meet via webinar (virtually) on January 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

Written Comments: Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. ET on January 11, 2023, via <http://www.regulations.gov>: Document #AMS–SC–22–0090. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to AMS, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting. AMS, Specialty Crops Program, strongly prefers that written comments be submitted electronically. However, written comments may also be submitted (*i.e.*, postmarked) via mail to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by or before the deadline.

Oral Comments: FVIAC will hear oral public comments via the webinar on

January 25, 2023. Each commenter wishing to address the FVIAC must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. ET on January 11, 2023. Instructions for registering and participating in the webinars can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/usda-fruit-and-vegetable-industry-advisory-committee-virtual-meeting-0>.

ADDRESSES: The webinar for the meeting and public comment period can be accessed via the internet and/or phone. Members of the public must register in advance for this webinar. Instructions for registering and participating in the webinar can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/usda-fruit-and-vegetable-industry-advisory-committee-virtual-meeting-0>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darrell Hughes, Designated Federal Officer, Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, USDA—AMS—Specialty Crops Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 1575, STOP 0235, Washington, DC 20250–0235; Telephone: (202) 378–2576; Email: SCPFVIAC@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. app. 2), the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) established the Committee in 2001 to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

The AMS Chief of Staff for the Specialty Crops Program serves as the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, leading the effort to administer the Committee's activities. Representatives from USDA mission areas and other government agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry are periodically called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee. AMS is giving notice of the Committee meeting to the public so that they may participate and present their views via written comments. The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda items may include, but are not limited to, welcome and introductions; administrative matters; and presentations by subject matter experts as requested by the Committee.

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Meeting Accommodations: The USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities. The FVIAC virtual meeting will have sign language interpretation. If you are a person requiring other reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance to the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Determinations for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: December 23, 2022.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

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

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, from 1–4 p.m. EST. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, which will meet in Dusseldorf, Germany, from March 6–10, 2023. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 43rd

Session of the CCNFSDU and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=43>.

Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltde-srD4oHLgvBHwXapaGAw8FzQxO3j8>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Douglas Balentine, Senior Science Advisor, International Nutrition Policy, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Drive (HFS–830), College Park, MD 20740; Phone: (240) 672–7292; Email: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov. For further information about the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250; Phone 202–205–7760; Email: uscodex@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission 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, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) are:

(a) To study specific nutritional problems assigned to it by the Commission and advise the Commission on general nutrition issues;

(b) To draft general provisions, as appropriate, concerning the nutritional aspects of all foods;