

meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final SETS. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns, comments on the Draft SEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. Comments received, including the names and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

Authority: 40 CFR 508.22; 36 CFR 220.5.

Dated: March 1, 2010.

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products.

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be holding a public meeting of the Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural

Products (Consultative Group) on March 29, 2010. The sole purpose of the meeting is to solicit input from the public regarding the Consultative Group's statutory mandate to develop recommendations relating to a standard set of practices for independent, third-party monitoring and verification for the production, processing, and distribution of agricultural products or commodities to reduce the likelihood that agricultural products or commodities imported into the United States are produced with the use of forced labor or child labor. The notice sets forth the process for requesting to appear at the meeting, and for submitting written statements. On June 18, 2008, the President signed into law the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the Act), also known as the 2008 Farm Bill. The Act provides for the creation of the Consultative Group.

DATES: *March 18, 2010*—Due date for submission of requests to make an oral statement at the public meeting. (See Requirement for Submissions and Meeting Procedures below.)

March 22, 2010—Due date to notify intention to attend the public meeting without making a statement or to request special accommodations.

March 29, 2010—Public meeting for the Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products, Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 12th and Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20250, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

April 30, 2010—Final date for submission of written statements.

ADDRESSES: You may make written submissions by any of the following methods: by mail to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250; or by hand (including DHL, FedEx, UPS, etc.) to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4133-S, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250; or by e-mail to: Steffon.Brown@fas.usda.gov; or by fax to (202) 720-0340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Negotiations and Agreements by phone on (202) 720-6219; by e-mail addressed to Steffon.Brown@fas.usda.gov; or by mail addressed to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In written submissions and statements to the

Consultative Group as part of this public meeting, parties are asked to provide information or comment on the following issues:

(a) Examples of identification, monitoring, verification, and/or certification systems, or other models, that have been successful in reducing child labor and/or forced labor in the global supply chains within the agricultural sector or other industries;

(b) The roles and responsibilities that may be appropriate for the business sector and other stakeholders (governments, unions, non-governmental organizations, and others) in establishing independent, third-party monitoring and verification systems for the production, processing, and distribution of agricultural products or commodities;

(c) Other information that would be useful to the Consultative Group in meeting its mandate to develop recommendations relating to a standard set of practices for independent, third-party monitoring and verification for the production, processing, and distribution of agricultural products or commodities to reduce the likelihood that agricultural products or commodities imported into the United States are produced with the use of forced labor or child labor.

Section 3205 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill, Pub. L. 110-246) created the *Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products* to develop recommendations relating to a standard set of practices for independent, third-party monitoring and verification for the production, processing, and distribution of agricultural products or commodities to reduce the likelihood that agricultural products or commodities imported into the United States are produced with the use of forced labor or child labor. Recommendations developed by the Consultative Group are to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture by June 18, 2010. By June 18, 2011, the Secretary is required to release guidelines for a voluntary initiative to enable entities to address issues raised by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*). The guidelines must be published in the **Federal Register** and made available for public comment for a period of 90 days. The Consultative Group will terminate on December 31, 2012.

On September 23, 2009, Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack appointed 13 members to the Consultative Group. The group consists of both government and non-government members, including

members from USDA; the U.S. Department of Labor; and the U.S. Department of State. Non-government members include three members from the agriculture-related private sector; two members from institutions of higher education and research; one member from an organization providing independent, third-party certification services for labor standards; and three members from non-profit organizations with expertise on international child labor and forced labor issues.

Requirements for Submissions and Meeting Procedures

Submissions in response to this notice must be made in English with any written submission not to exceed 30 single-spaced standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments. By March 18, 2010, all interested parties wishing to make an oral statement at the meeting must submit the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of the attendee(s) representing their organization by e-mail to Steffon.Brown@fas.usda.gov. Requests to present oral statements must be accompanied by a written statement which, at a minimum, identifies key issues to be addressed in the oral statement. Depending on the number of identified participants, oral statements before the Consultative Group may be subject to time limits in order to accommodate all participants. The meeting will be open to the public, and a transcript will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. USDA is a controlled access facility. Therefore, individuals who wish to attend the meeting without making a statement must also register with the Consultative Group so that arrangements can be made for them to be allowed to enter the facility. Persons who wish to register or to request special accommodations for a disability or other reasons must submit a notification by e-mail to Steffon.Brown@fas.usda.gov by March 22, 2010. No electronic media coverage will be allowed. Press inquiries should be directed to the USDA, Office of Communications at (202) 720-4623.

Signed at Washington, DC on March 4, 2010.

John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), will begin accepting Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers petitions for fiscal year 2010 beginning March 11, 2010. Petitioners may file a form FAS-930 or their own submission setting forth the information required by 7 CFR part 1580.201(c) with FAS from March 11, 2010, through April 14, 2010.

Petitioners must file their petition in accordance with 7 CFR part 1580.201. The petition must be received by the TAA for Farmers Staff by close of business April 14, 2010. The petition must be sent in writing to the Foreign Agricultural Service, OTP/IPERD, MS-1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021, or by facsimile to (202) 720-0876, or by e-mail to tradeadjustment@fas.usda.gov. The use of fax or e-mail is recommended.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5) reauthorized the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program as established by Subtitle C of Title I of the Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-210), which amended the Trade Act of 1974. The statute authorizes an appropriation of not more than \$90 million for each fiscal year 2009 through 2010, and \$22.5 million for the period October 1 through December 31, 2010, to carry out the program. The regulations covering the program are found at 7 CFR part 1580.

Under this program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides technical assistance and cash benefits to eligible producers of raw agricultural commodities and fishermen (jointly referred to as "producers") when the FAS Administrator determines that increased imports of raw agricultural commodities, aquaculture products, or wild-caught aquatic species (each referred to as "commodity") have contributed importantly to a greater than 15 percent decrease in the national average price, or quantity of production, or value of production, or cash receipts for the commodity specified in the petition compared to the average of the 3 preceding marketing years.

To qualify, a group of producers or its authorized representative must petition the Administrator (FAS) for trade

adjustment assistance. Petitions will be reviewed for completeness and timeliness. Once the petition is completed in accordance with 7 CFR part 1580.201, a notice of acceptance of the petition will be published in the **Federal Register**. An investigation will be initiated to verify whether or not for the most recent marketing year and for the commodity produced by the group, increased imports contributed importantly to a greater than 15 percent decrease in the national average price, or quantity of production, or value of production, or cash receipts for the agricultural commodity specified in the petition, compared to the average of the 3 preceding marketing years. If any one of these conditions is met, the Administrator (FAS) will certify the group as eligible for trade adjustment assistance and publish a notice of the certification in the **Federal Register**.

Eligible producers covered by the certification must file individual applications for assistance with the Farm Service Agency, USDA, within 90 days of the certification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING FORM FAS-930, CONTACT:

The Trade Adjustment Assistance Staff, FAS, USDA, at (202) 720-0638, or by e-mail: tradeadjustment@fas.usda.gov. Additional program information can be obtained at the website for the TAA for Farmers program. The URL is <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taa.asp>.

Dated: February 25, 2010.

John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 16, 2010; 10:15 a.m.-11 a.m.

PLACE: Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc., 7600 Boston Blvd., Suite D, Springfield, VA 22153.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept