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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2013–0042]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection (Advanced Meat Recovery)

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request an extension of an approved information collection regarding the regulatory requirements associated with the production of meat from Advanced Meat Recovery systems because the OMB approval will expire on March 31, 2014.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 28, 2014.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by either 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, CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Docket Room Manager, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8–163B, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

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

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2013–0042. 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 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6077, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone: (202) 690–6510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Advanced Meat Recovery.

OMB Number: 0583–0130.

Expiration Date of Approval: 3/31/2014.

Type of Request: Extension of an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*). The statute provides that FSIS is to protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is announcing its intention to request an extension of an approved information collection addressing paperwork and recordkeeping requirements regarding the regulatory requirements associated with the production of meat from Advanced Meat Recovery (AMR) systems because the OMB approval will expire on March 31, 2014.

FSIS requires that official establishments that produce meat from AMR systems (1) ensure that the bones used for the systems do not contain brain, trigeminal ganglia, or spinal cord and, if the establishments produce beef AMR product, are from cattle younger than 30 months of age; (2) test for calcium, iron, spinal cord, and dorsal root ganglia (DRG); (3) document their testing protocols; (4) handle product in a manner that does not cause product to be misbranded or adulterated; and (5)

maintain records of their documentation and of their test results (9 CFR 318.24).

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of a half hour per response.

Respondents: Official establishments that produce meat from AMR systems.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 56.

Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent: 900.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25,200 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence SW., Room 6077, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone: (202)690–6510.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

Responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC on: January 17, 2014.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2013-0048]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

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, 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 to take place on February 5, 2014. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 35th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will take place in Budapest, Hungary, from March 3-7, 2014. The Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 35th Session of CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Room 1A-002, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 35th Session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Dr. Gregory O. Noonan, U.S. Delegate to the 35th Session of the CCMAS, and the FDA, invite U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Gregory.Noonan@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-In Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 35th Session of the CCMAS by conference call, please use the call-in number and participant code listed below.

Call-In Number: 1-301-796-2700 or 1-877-231-0558 (toll free).

Participant Code: 5349#.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the 35th Session of the CCMAS contact: Gregory O. Noonan, Ph.D., Research Chemist, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740;

Telephone: (240) 402-2250, Fax: (301) 436-2634, Email: Gregory.Noonan@fda.hhs.gov.

For further information about the public meeting contact: Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, South Building, Room 4861, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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

The Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling is responsible for:

(a) Defining the criteria appropriate to Codex methods of analysis and sampling;

(b) Serving as a coordinating body for Codex with other international groups working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality assurance systems for laboratories;

(c) Specifying the basis of final recommendations submitted to it by other bodies;

(d) Considering, amending, and endorsing, methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (commodity) committees, except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of micro biological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee;

(e) Elaborating sampling plans and procedures;

(f) Considering specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by the Commission or any of its Committees; and

(g) Defining procedures, protocols, guidelines or related texts for the assessment of food laboratory proficiency, as well as quality assurance systems for laboratories.

The CCMAS is hosted by Hungary.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 35th Session of CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting: