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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement

AGENCY: Office of Procurement and Property Management, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Department of Agriculture, Office of Procurement and Property Management, is hereby requesting an extension of a currently approved information collection, Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement.

DATES: Comments received by January 6, 2015 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods. All submissions received must include the agency name. Also, please identify submittals as pertaining to the "Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection."

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* biopREFERRED@usda.gov.

Include "Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection" on the subject line. Please include your name and address in your message.

- *Mail/commercial/hand delivery:* Mail or deliver your comments to: Ron Buckhalt, USDA, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Room 361, Reporters Building, 300 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20024.

- Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication for regulatory information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA TARGET Center at (202)720-2600 (voice) and (202)690-0942 (TTY).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Buckhalt, USDA, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Room 361, Reporters Building, 300 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20024; email: biopREFERRED@usda.gov; phone (202) 205-4008. Information regarding the Federal biobased preferred procurement program (one part of the BioPreferred Program) is available on the Internet at <http://www.biopREFERRED.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement.

OMB Control Number: 0503-0011.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The USDA BioPreferred Program provides that qualifying biobased products that fall under product categories (generic groups of biobased products) that have been designated for preferred procurement by rule making are required to be purchased by Federal agencies in lieu of their fossil energy-based counterparts, with certain limited exceptions. Further, USDA is required by section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and the Agricultural Act of 2014, to provide certain information on qualified biobased products to Federal agencies. To meet these statutory requirements, USDA will gather that information from manufacturers and vendors of biobased products. The information sought by USDA can be transmitted electronically using the Web site <http://www.biopREFERRED.gov>. If for any reason the requested information cannot be electronically transmitted, USDA will provide technical assistance to support the transmission of information to USDA. The information collected will enable USDA to meet statutory information requirements that will then permit USDA to designate product categories for preferred procurement under the BioPreferred Program. Once product categories are designated, manufacturers and vendors of qualifying biobased products that fall under these designated product categories will benefit from preferred procurement by Federal agencies.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average 40 hours per response.

Respondents: Manufacturers and vendors of biobased products.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 220.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One per manufacturer or vendor.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,800 hours, one time only. Manufacturers and vendors are asked to respond only once. Therefore, there is no ongoing annual paperwork burden on respondents.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: October 29, 2014.

Gregory L. Parham,

Assistant Secretary For Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2014-0037]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold a meeting of the

full Committee by an audio conference call that is open to the public on November 17, 2014. The Committee will continue its discussions on (1) microbiological criteria as indicators of poor process control or insanitary conditions, and (2) control strategies for reducing foodborne transmission of Norovirus infections. After further discussion the committee plans to adopt its final recommendations.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a meeting by telephone conference on Monday, November 17, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The November 17, 2014, meeting will be held by telephone. Please contact Karen Thomas-Sharp at the address below to register for the meeting: USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, Stop 3777, Patriots Plaza 3, Floor 9–47, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, or by phone (202) 690–6620, fax (202) 690–6334, or email: Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov.

All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, USDA, at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E. Street SW., Room 8–164, Washington, DC 20250 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/federal-register/federal-register-notices>.

FSIS will finalize the agenda on or before the meeting and post it on the FSIS Web page at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings>. Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change due to the time required for Committee discussions; thus, sessions could end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend or participate in a public comment period.

The official meeting minutes of the November 17, 2014 full Committee meeting, when they become available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address and will also be posted on <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/nacmcf/meetings/nacmcf-meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in registering to attend the meeting, making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the November 17, 2014 plenary session should contact Karen Thomas-Sharp, phone (202) 690–6620, fax (202) 690–6334, email: Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov

or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring special accommodations for this phone conference (voice and TTY) should notify Ms. Thomas-Sharp by November 10, 2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available on the FSIS Web page at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/nacmcf/committee-charter/charter>.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria, as well as the review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Mr. Brian Ronholm, Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Mr. Michael Landa, Acting Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Dr. James Rogers, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

Meeting Agenda

At its November 17, 2014, meeting, the full Committee will continue discussions on:

Microbiological criteria as indicators of poor process control or insanitary conditions, and

Control strategies for reducing foodborne transmission of Norovirus infections.

The Committee took up the first topic in response to a Department of Defense (DoD) request for guidance on refined microbiological and other possible criteria for better evaluating process control and insanitary conditions at food production facilities.

The second topic responds to a request for guidance on a unified approach to reducing illness from human noroviruses (HuNoVs). FSIS, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the DoD Veterinary Services Activity (DoDVSA) all sought this guidance.

Documents Reviewed by NACMCF

FSIS intends to make available to the public all materials reviewed and considered by the full Committee of NACMCF regarding its deliberations. Generally, these materials will be made available as soon as possible after the full Committee meeting. Further, FSIS intends to make these materials available in electronic format on the FSIS Web page (www.fsis.usda.gov), as well as in hard copy format in the FSIS Docket Room. FSIS will make the materials available at the start of the full Committee meeting if there is sufficient time in advance to do so.

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to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/programs-and-services/email-subscription-service>. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

Fax: (202) 690-7442.

Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Done at Washington, DC, on November 4, 2014

Alfred V. Almanza,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE [10/23/2014 through 11/03/2014]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Lion Brothers Company, Inc ..	10246 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mill, MD 21117.	10/21/2014	The firm manufactures embroidered patches and emblems.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Dated: November 3, 2014.

Michael DeVillo,
Eligibility Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-79-2014]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 21— Charleston, South Carolina; Notification of Proposed Export Production Activity; Crescent Dairy and Beverages (Milk-Based Infant Formula and Fluid Milk Beverages); Walterboro, South Carolina

The South Carolina State Ports Authority, grantee of FTZ 21, submitted a notification of proposed export production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Crescent Dairy and Beverage (CDB), located in Walterboro, South Carolina. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on November 3, 2014.

The CDB facility is located within Site 26 of FTZ 21. The activity at the facility would involve the production of milk-based infant formula, reconstituted fluid

milk, and fluid milk beverages for export (no shipments for U.S. consumption would occur). Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt CDB from customs duty payments on the foreign status materials used in export production. The foreign-origin materials to be used in the export production are whole milk powder (duty rate: 68¢/kg), nonfat dry (powdered) milk (33¢/kg), and powdered milk protein concentrate (37¢/kg). Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment or the foreign materials scrapped or destroyed under U.S. Customs and Border Protection procedures.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be