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U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; One Hundred and Fifty-First Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and fifty-first meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 15, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill; located at 400 New Jersey, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting venue is in the Hyatt Regency's Congressional Rooms C, D, and E which are located on the hotel's lobby level.

The morning session, which focuses on foreign development assistance, will be opened by Dr. Robert Easter, Interim Chairman of the BIFAD. Dr. Easter is the Dean, College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois. He was elected by the Board to serve in this capacity upon the April 3, 2007 resignation of Mr. Peter McPherson. It is planned that the Honorable Nita M. Lowey (D-NY), Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations will discuss legislative priorities for foreign assistance. Her discussion will be followed by a special presentation on "Challenges Facing US Foreign Development Assistance: 2008 and Beyond," and an update by the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance ("F") on the Foreign Assistance Framework and the 2008 Budget. After a midmorning break the Board will discuss operational and management issues covering the Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs), Training, Institutional Capacity Building, and Universities as Sub-contractors as related to Title XII.

Following the executive luncheon, which is closed to the public, the Board will discuss the strategic direction of BIFAD for 2007; especially with regard to USAID's Transformational Development thrusts and the recommendations made in Richard E. Bissell's 2006 report on "Implementation of Title XII" to the Board. Last on the Agenda, the Board will discuss plans for their October 17, 2007 meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa meeting will be held in conjunction with the World Food Prize Symposium. The October meeting's theme "Bio-Energy and Implications" will align with that of the World Food Symposium's.

This Board meeting is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Ronald S. Senykoff, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-085, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-0218 or fax (202) 216-3010.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 4, 2007.

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.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Fruits and Vegetables.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0236.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The regulations in "Subpart-Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56-319.56-8) prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will use the collected information on the Phytosanitary Certificate to determine the pest condition of the shipment at the time of