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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture intends to renew the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) for a 2-year period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions should be addressed to Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, telephone (202) 720-3817; fax (202) 690-4265; e-mail michael.schechtman@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advisory Committee Purpose: USDA supports the responsible development and application of biotechnology within the global food and agricultural system. Biotechnology intersects many of the policies, programs and functions of USDA. The charge for the AC21 is two-fold: To examine the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA; and to provide guidance to USDA on pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture. The AC21 will meet in Washington, DC, up to four (4) times per year.

Catherine Woteki,

Under Secretary for Research, Education, Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Form FNS-798 and FNS-798A, WIC Financial Management and Participation Report With Addendum

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before March 21, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) 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; (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 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. Comments may be sent to: Debra Whitford, Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Joan Carroll at 703-305-2196 or via e-mail to Joan.Carroll@fns.usda.gov.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Room 518.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instructions should be directed to: Joan Carroll, (703) 305-2729.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: WIC Financial Management and Participation Report with Addendum.

OMB Number: 0584-0045.

Form Number: FNS 798 and FNS 798A.

Expiration Date: 09-30-2011.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection Form.

Abstract: Section 17(f)(4) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(4)) provides that "State agencies shall submit monthly financial reports and participation data to the Secretary" (See also 7 CFR 246.25(b)(1)). The WIC Financial Management and Participation Report with Addendum (FNS-798 and FNS-798A) are the forms State agencies complete to comply with this requirement. FNS and State agencies use the reported information for program monitoring, funds management, budget projections, monitoring caseload, policy development, and responding to requests from Congress and interested parties.

In addition, nonentitlement programs, such as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), are required to conduct an annual closeout and reconciliation of grants. Departmental regulations at 7 CFR 3016.23(b) require that "[a] grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 days after the end of the funding period (or as specified in a program regulation) to coincide with the submission of the annual Federal Financial Report (SF-425)." WIC Program regulations at 7 CFR 246.17(b)(2) instruct State agencies to "submit to FNS, within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, final fiscal year closeout reports." The final WIC Financial Management and Participation Report (FNS-798) submitted for the year with its addendum (FNS-798A) are used as a substitute for the SF-425, because they maintain the integrity of WIC's two grant components (food and nutrition services and administration (NSA)) as well as the four NSA grant components (program management, client services,

nutrition education, and breastfeeding promotion and support).

The proposed revision of the WIC Financial Management and Participation Report (FNS-798) and its addendum (FNS-798A) will modify the format for reporting unliquidated NSA obligations. The current FNS-798 requires unliquidated NSA obligations to be reported in the columns corresponding to the 12 months of the fiscal year in which the obligations are incurred. These obligation amounts are then revised downward as outlays and deobligations are made. WIC State agencies have determined reporting downward adjustments for outlays and deobligations is more laborious when reported by obligation month rather than as an adjustment to a cumulative amount. Therefore, the proposed revision will return to a prior format to allow WIC State agencies to report unliquidated NSA obligations as a cumulative year-to-date total.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.35 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The total annual burden on respondents was previously 4,523 hours. This revision does not change the total annual burden of 190 hours.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Agencies; Respondent Type: Directors or Administrators of WIC state agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,523 hours.

Dated: January 12, 2011.

Julia Paradis,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2010-0045]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

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), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on February 22, 2011. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions that will be discussed at the 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Xiamen (Fujian Province), China, March 14-18, 2011. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 43rd Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in The Auditorium (1A003), FDA, Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 43rd Session of the CCFA will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Dennis Keefe, U.S. Delegate to the 43rd Session of the CCFA, and FDA invite U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: cfsan-ccfa@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register electronically at the same e-mail address provided above by February 18, 2011. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in-person but wish to participate may do so by phone. Those wishing to participate by phone should request the call-in number and conference code when they register for the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 43RD SESSION OF THE CCFA CONTACT: Dennis M. Keefe, PhD, Director, Senior Science and Policy Staff, Office of Food Additive Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)/FDA,

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Jannavi R. Srinivasan, PhD, Chemistry Reviewer, Division of Biotech and GRAS Notice Review, Office of Food Additive Safety, CFSAN/FDA, HFS-255, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (301) 436-1199, Fax: (301) 436-2965, e-mail: jannavi.srinivasan@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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 that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCFA establishes or endorses permitted maximum levels for individual additives; prepares priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); assigns functional classes to individual food additives; recommends specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by Codex; considers methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and considers and elaborates standards or codes for related subjects, such as labeling of food additives when sold as such.

The Committee is hosted by China.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 43rd Session of the CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by Codex and other Codex committees and task forces.
- Matters of interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 73rd Meeting of the JECFA.
- Endorsement and revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex standards.
- Discussion paper on food additive provisions in the *Standard for infant formulas and formula for special medical purposes* (CODEX STAN 72-1981).
- Discussion paper on the alignment of the food additive provisions of the standards for meat products and