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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket # FV-03-335]

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening and extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period on the proposed new United States Standard for Grades of Frozen Onions is reopened and extended.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before June 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Chere L. Shorter, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-0247; fax (202) 690-1087; or e-mail chere.shorter@usda.gov. Comments should reference the date and page of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the address listed above during regular business hours and on the Internet. The draft of the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions is available either through the address cited above or by accessing the AMS website on the Internet at: www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html. Any comments received, regarding this proposed standard will also be posted on that site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chere L. Shorter at (202) 720-5021 or e-mail at chere.shorter@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice was published in the **Federal Register** (on March 12, 2003, Page 11801-11802) requesting comments on a proposed

United States Standard for Grades of Frozen Onions. The action would create grade standards for frozen onions that will include a description of the product, style, grades, ascertaining the grade by sample, and ascertaining the grade by lot. The proposed standard would provide a common language for trade, a means of measuring value in the marketing of frozen onions.

A major trade association, American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI) representing frozen food processors, requested that additional time be provided for interested persons to comment on the proposed standard. AFFI believes that extending the comment period will enable enough time to assemble all the comments from their members and to reach a consensus among the many processors in their membership. After reviewing the request, the Department is reopening and extending the common period in order to allow sufficient time for all interested persons to file comments. This notice provides for an additional 30 day comment period for interested parties to comment on the standards.

Dated: May 13, 2003.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-056-1]

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases; Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

DATES: Sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on June 3, 2003, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 4 and 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Conference Center at the USDA

Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joseph Annelli, Chief Staff Veterinarian, Emergency Programs Staff, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-8073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on actions necessary to prevent the introduction of foreign diseases of livestock and poultry into the United States. In addition, the Committee advises the Secretary on contingency planning and on maintaining a state of preparedness to deal with these diseases, if introduced.

The meeting will focus on the U.S. animal health emergency management system and the foreign animal disease situation worldwide and its relevance to the United States. The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to the time constraints, the public will not be allowed to participate in the Committee's discussions.

You may obtain an agenda for the meeting by contacting Dr. Joseph Annelli at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

You may file written statements on meeting topics with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Dr. Joseph Annelli at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. You may also file written comments at the time of the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. 03-056-1 when submitting your comments.

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$2.25 is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center. The machine accepts \$1 bills and quarters.

Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the Advisory Committee Meeting on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases. Identification is required. Visitor badges must be worn at all times while inside the building.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of May 2003.

Bobby R. Acord,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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