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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 2, 2020.

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 are requested regarding 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by April 6, 2020 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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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.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Small Meat Processor Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0583–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information using a survey on small and very small meat processing plants about a draft report concerning FSIS resources available to help them achieve and maintain regulatory compliance. FSIS has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the College of Agriculture at Oregon State University, to conduct this review for small and very small establishments. Oregon State will develop a draft report based on multiple data sources. This draft report will then be distributed to a wider audience of key stakeholders that are small plant operators. Oregon will ask those stakeholders to read the draft report and fill out a short survey to gather their feedback.

Description of Respondent: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 98.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551–0046.

Summary: The Department of Agriculture published a document in the **Federal Register** of February 28, 2020, pg. 11332, concerning a request for comments on the information collection “USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Program” OMB control number 0551–0046. The document contained incorrect number of respondents and burden hours. The number of respondents should be 8 and

the burden hours 31,372 not 22 respondents and 29,172 as published.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on March 25, 2020. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 25th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, April 27–May 1, 2020. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 25th Session of the CCFICS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), South Building, Room 104–A, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 25th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=25>. Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate to the 25th Session of the CCFICS, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: mary.stanley@usda.gov.

Call in number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 25th Session of the CCFICS by conference call, please register by March 18, 2020 by emailing kristen.hendricks@usda.gov.

Registration: Attendees can register to attend the public meeting in person by emailing kristen.hendricks@usda.gov by March 18, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the public meeting please contact Kristen Hendricks, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4865, South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 720–2137, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov.

For specific questions about the 25th session of CCFICS, contact Mary Stanley, Senior Advisor, Office of International Coordination, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 3151, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720–0287, Fax: (202) 690–3856, Email: Mary.Stanley@usda.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 fair practices in the food trade. The CCFICS is responsible for:

(a) Developing principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems, with a view to harmonizing methods and procedures that protect the health of consumers, ensure fair trading practices, and facilitate international trade in foodstuffs;

(b) Developing principles and guidelines for the application of measures by the competent authorities of exporting and importing countries to provide assurance, where necessary, that foodstuffs comply with requirements, especially statutory health requirements;

(c) Developing guidelines for the utilization, as and when appropriate, of quality assurance systems to ensure that

foodstuffs conform with requirements and to promote the recognition of these systems in facilitating trade in food products under bilateral/multilateral arrangements by countries;

(d) Developing guidelines and criteria with respect to format, declarations and language of such official certificates as countries may require with a view towards international harmonization;

(e) Making recommendations for information exchange in relation to food import/export control;

(f) Consulting as necessary with other international groups working on matters related to food inspection and certification systems; and

(g) Considering other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to food inspection and certification systems.

The CCFICS is hosted by Australia, and the meeting is attended by the United States as a member country of the Codex Alimentarius.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 25th Session of the CCFICS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies
 - Information on activities of FAO and WHO and other International Organizations relevant to the work of CCFICS
 - Draft Principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary Third Party Assurance (vTPA) programmes
 - Proposed draft Guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (revision of the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates—CXG 38–2001)
 - Proposed draft guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS)
 - Proposed draft consolidated Codex Guidelines related to equivalence
 - Discussion paper on role of CCFICS with respect to tackling food fraud in the context of food safety and fair practices in food trade
 - Review and update of Appendix A—the list of emerging global emerging issues
 - Other Business
 - Date and Place of Next Session
 - Adoption of the Report
- Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed by the Codex Secretariat before the Committee