

reports, the FSA national office shall provide feedback and guidance to FSA county and State offices on the election process, including outreach efforts. The FSA national office shall also, based on its review of the county election reform reports, as well as its analysis of the data on SDA representation, submit an annual report to the Secretary on election reform efforts, including recommendations on further improvements in the County Committee election process.

IV. Additional Election Reform Efforts

A. USDA shall consider additional efforts to ensure such fair representation. Such additional efforts may include, but are not limited to, compliance reviews of selected counties by FSA's and USDA's Offices of Civil Rights; consideration of at-large seats or cumulative voting for certain County Committees; further centralization of the election process; and the issuance of provisions allowing for the appointment of an SDA voting member to particular committees pursuant to the 2002 Farm Bill.

V. Implementation of Uniform Guidelines

A. The FSA national office shall ensure that it issues all appropriate regulations, instructions, directives, notices, and manuals to implement the terms of these uniform guidelines.

B. FSA shall institute a comprehensive monitoring process, including spot checks on selected counties, to ensure compliance with these guidelines and FSA regulations and directives on the County Committee process.

C. The FSA national office shall ensure that appropriate training of FSA county offices, including County Committees, is conducted on the implementation of these guidelines and on FSA's regulations and directives on the County Committee election process.

D. These uniform guidelines shall take effect immediately.

Signed in Washington, DC, January 12, 2005.

Ann Veneman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federally owned invention, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/973,274 entitled "Yeast Transformation System" is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) of Madison, Wisconsin, an exclusive license for this invention.

DATES: Comments must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Janet I. Stockhausen, USDA Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53726-2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the Madison address given above; telephone: (608) 231-9502; fax: (608) 231-9508; or e-mail: jstockhausen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. The prospective license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Forest Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-051N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Thirty-Seventh Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on February 2, 2005, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Thirty-seventh Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex). The 37th Session of the CCFH will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14-19 March, 2005. The Acting Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the agenda items that will be discussed at this forthcoming session of the CCFH.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Conference Room 1A001, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD. Documents related to the 37th Session of CCFH will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs, and hand- or courier-delivered items:* Send to the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20730. All comments received must include the Agency name and docket number 04-051N.

All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through

Friday. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Notices_Index/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 37TH SESSION OF THE CCFH CONTACT: U.S. Delegate, Dr. Robert Buchanan, CFSAN Senior Science Advisor and Director of the CFSAN Office of Science, DHHS, FDA, CFSAN, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland 20740. Phone (301) 436-2396; Fax (301) 436-2642, Email: Robert.Buchanan@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Syed Amjad Ali, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Phone (202) 205-7760; Fax (202) 720-3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Dr. Rebecca Buchner, FDA at telephone (301) 436-1486, Fax (301) 436-2632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international standard-setting organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. 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 ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) was established to draft basic provisions on food hygiene for all foods. The Committee is chaired by the United States of America.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 37th Session of CCFH will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.

2. Discussion paper on the management of the work of the Committee.

3. Proposed draft guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the [management] of *Listeria monocytogenes* in foods.

4. Proposed draft principles and guidelines for the conduct of microbiological risk management results.

5. Proposed draft guidelines for the validation of food hygiene control measures.

6. Proposed draft revision of the code of hygienic practice for egg products.

7. Discussion paper on guidelines for the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the risk based control of *Salmonella* spp. in poultry.

8. Discussion paper on guidelines for risk management options for *Campylobacter* in broiler chickens.

9. Discussion paper on guidelines for the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the risk based control of Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* in ground beef and fermented sausages.

10. Risk profile of *Vibrio* spp in seafood.

11. Reports of the *ad hoc* FAO/WHO expert consultations on risk assessment of microbiological hazards in food and related matters.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the United States Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the February 2, 2005 public meeting, these agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate, for the 37th Session of the CCFH, Dr. Robert Buchanan (See **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 37th Session of the CCFH.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>.

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regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meeting, recalls, and other types of information that could affect our types of information that could affect our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

Done in Washington, DC, on: January 12, 2005.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Kalispell, Montana on February 15. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the meeting schedule for this year, develop project criteria, select new Chair and determine participation in the upcoming RAC meeting in Reno.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Flathead County Commissioner's Office, Commissioner's Conference Room, 800 South Main, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kaaren Arnoux, Flathead National Forest, Administrative Assistant, (406) 758-5251.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public.

Denise Germann,

Public Affairs Specialist.

Cathy Barbouletos,

Forest Supervisor.

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