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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-95-00-3]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: October 30, 1995 at 8 a.m. through November 3, 1995 at 5 p.m. for the NOSB.

PLACE: Holiday Inn, Austin—Town Lake, 20 North Interregional, Austin, Texas 78701. Phone: (512) 472-8211. All meetings of the NOSB for the week will be held at that address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harold S. Ricker, Staff Director, NOSB, Room 2945 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), AMS, Transportation and Marketing Division, P. O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456. Phone: (202) 720-2704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACT Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*) requires establishment of a NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects of the implementation of Title XXI of the FACT Act. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, D.C., in March 1992 and currently has five committees to work on various aspects of the program. The committees are: Crops Standards; Processing, Labelling

and Packaging; Livestock Standards; Accreditation; and International Issues. At the last meeting, the NOSB began the review of substances for consideration for the National List as allowed synthetics for use in organic production and processing. Technical advisory panels provided information on approximately 50 substances for NOSB consideration.

The NOSB reviewed the materials and determined whether they would be considered nonsynthetic or synthetic. If synthetic, then the NOSB determined whether they should be placed on the list of allowed synthetic substances for use in organic processing and production. Approximately 25 substances were placed on the allowed synthetic list. Others were determined to be nonsynthetic or required more information.

Purpose and Agenda

The main focus of this meeting is to continue the discussion of additional materials for consideration for placement on the National List of allowed synthetics and prohibited natural substances for use in organic production and processing of organic foods. Main emphasis will be placed on the review of approximately 70 substances for which a review has been conducted by the technical advisory panel.

Additional topics to be covered in the full NOSB meeting include: the Livestock Committee will present recommendations for the use of antibiotics and parasiticides in laying flocks and recommendations regarding use of synthetic vitamins, minerals, vaccines, inoculants, and amino acids; the Crops Committee will present recommendations for use of sewage sludge, and an amendment to the Planting Stock Policy concerning banana rhizomes; the Processing Committee will present recommendations for natural flavors and synthetic vitamin fortifications in organic foods, and oil extraction issues.

A final agenda will be available on October 13, 1995. Persons requesting copies should contact Ms. Karen Thomas at the above address or phone (202) 720-3252.

Type of Meeting

All meetings will be open to the public. Individuals and organizations wishing to provide written comments

on these issues or to comment orally on any organic issues should forward the request to Dr. Harold S. Ricker at the above address or FAX to (202) 205-7808 by October 25, 1995, in order to be scheduled. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Tuesday, October 31, 1995, beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until 5 p.m. While people may sign up to speak at the door, advance scheduling assures an opportunity in the time allowed and helps the NOSB plan its activities. Each individual or organization will be allocated 10 minutes for presenting orally the key issues of concern, and should provide 16 copies of written material elaborating on those issues for the NOSB.

Dated: September 27, 1995.

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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

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National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Meeting

A meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will be held October 16 through October 19, 1995, in Room 4347, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250. The Fresh Produce Subcommittee will meet on Monday, October 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The full Committee will meet in Room 800 of the Hubert Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20204 on Tuesday, October 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Other Subcommittees will meet on Tuesday, October 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, October 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The NACMCF provides advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of Agriculture, and Health and Human Services concerning the development of microbiological criteria by which the