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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-96-354]

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes Regarding Agricultural Goods

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish a NAFTA Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the application procedures for the members of the public volunteering for service as U.S. Representatives on the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes Regarding Agricultural Goods.

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before July 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applications and comments should be sent to Mr. David L. Priester, International Standards Coordinator, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2071-South, Washington, DC 20090-6456. Application forms may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling 202-720-2184 or faxing 202-720-0016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David L. Priester, Tele: 202-720-2184, Fax: 202-720-0016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As provided for in Article 707, of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), an Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes Regarding Agricultural Goods will be established to provide recommendations on possible systems to achieve the prompt and effective resolution of commercial disputes regarding agricultural goods. This Advisory Committee will work on disputes for all agricultural

commodities, but initially it will focus its attention on perishable fruits and vegetables.

The Committee will be comprised of up to ten (10) members (and ten (10) alternates), of which up to eight (8) members (and eight (8) alternates) may be selected from outside the Government. The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint the members and alternates.

Application Process

Candidates must complete the Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Form AD-755 (8/31/95). It is important that all questions are answered and the information requested is as complete as possible. This information will be treated as confidential and is used to complete background clearance checks.

Selection Criteria

Committee members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Committee will be comprised of up to ten (10) members (and ten (10) alternates) including producers, shippers, receivers, packers, attorneys, and other interested and knowledgeable parties. The Secretary invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the above industries, to nominate individuals for membership on the Committee. Nominees should have expertise or experience in the resolution of private commercial disputes in agricultural trade.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Committee in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Compensation

The members of the Advisory Committee will not be paid a salary, or any other compensation, and will be responsible for their own travel and per diem expenses for their service on the Advisory Committee.

Time and Travel Requirement

Members should be prepared to spend time for one or two meetings a year, plus time for meeting preparation. Applicants should be fully prepared to travel to locations in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

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Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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Forest Service

Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests; Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, and Vilas Counties, Wisconsin

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service intends to prepare an environmental impact statement for revising the Chequamegon and Nicolet Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plan) pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1604(f)(5) and 36 CFR 219.12. The Forest Service will prepare one environmental impact statement and one revised Forest Plan that encompasses both National Forests (36 CFR 219.4(b)(3)).

The current Forest Plans for both the Chequamegon and Nicolet were originally approved on August 11, 1986. These Plans guide the overall management of these National Forests. The six primary decisions made in Forest Plans are:

- (1) Forestwide Multiple-use Goals and Objectives (36 CFR 219.11(b));
- (2) Forestwide Management Requirements (36 CFR 219.27);
- (3) Management Area Direction (36 CFR 219.11(c)),
- (4) Lands Suited/not Suited for Timber Management (36 CFR 219.14, 219.16, 219.21);
- (5) Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements (36 CFR 219.11(d)); and
- (6) Recommendations to Congress, (such as recommendations, if any, for additional Wilderness (36 CFR 219.27)).

Forest Plans must be revised every 10 to 15 years (U.S.C. 1604(f)(5) and 36