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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Agency for International Development

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development Establishment of a New Subcommittee: The Interim Committee on Food Security; Notice of Establishment of an Independent Subcommittee

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the establishment of a new independent subcommittee of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD) to be called the Interim Committee on Food Security.

The Interim Committee on Food Security of BIFAD will serve the important function of advising and assisting the U.S. Government Interagency Working Group on Food Security in carrying out commitments made in the U.S. Country Paper for the November 1996 World Food Summit and on the Plan of Action agreed to at the Summit. As there is no other federal advisory committee capable of handling these essential responsibilities, the Agency has determined that establishment of this Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Membership on the Committee will be well-balanced, with members drawn from the public and private sectors, including non-governmental organizations. The current members of BIFAD will also be members of this new Committee. The Committee is being established for a two-year period commencing on the date the charter is filed. The Committee is expected to meet twice a year. In general, members shall be responsible for their own expenses associated with Committee meetings.

In discharging its duties, the Committee shall:

(a) Provide input to the U.S. Government on the development of a long-term action plan in support of commitments made in the U.S. Country Paper and at the World Food Summit;

(b) Participate in the implementation of the action plan through meetings, workshops and project involvement; and

(c) Serve as an outreach vehicle to all non-governmental sectors to achieve maximum involvement in action plan development and implementation.

The Agency is seeking suggestions and expressions of interest from interested parties who would like to either serve as members of this new Committee or nominate others for such membership. Please send such nominations or expressions of interest in writing, accompanied by no more than two pages of biographical information, to the following: Mr. George Like, U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Agriculture and Food Security (G/EG/AFS), Room 401, SA-2, Washington, D.C., 20523-0214. These nominations or expressions of interest should be sent no more than three weeks from the date of this notice.

Anyone wishing to obtain additional information about the Interim Committee on Food Security or about BIFAD should contact Mr. Tracy Atwood at the address indicated above, by telephone at (202) 663-2536, by fax at (202) 663-2552, or by E-mail to internet [tatwood@usaid.gov].

Dated: May 28, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. LS-97-003]

Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of referendum results.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing that the sheep producers, sheep feeders, and importers of sheep and sheep products who voted in a second national referendum on October 1, 1996, have not approved the proposed Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education, and Information Order (Order).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994 (Act), 7 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*, the Department of Agriculture conducted a referendum on October 1, 1996, among eligible sheep producers, sheep feeders, and importers of sheep and sheep products to determine if the proposed Order would become effective.

Before an order can become effective, the Act requires that it be approved either by a majority of producers, feeders, and importers voting in the referendum, or by voters who account for at least two-thirds of the production represented by persons voting in the referendum. Of the 11,880 valid ballots cast in the October 1, 1996, referendum, 5,603 (47 percent) favored the Order and 6,277 (53 percent) opposed the Order. Additionally, of those persons voting in the referendum who cast a valid ballot, those who favored the Order accounted for 33 percent of the total production represented by voters and those who opposed it accounted for 67 percent.

Therefore, based on the referendum results, the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that neither the required majority of voters who were producers, feeders, and importers, nor voters who accounted for at least two-thirds of the production represented by persons voting in the referendum, have voted to approve the Order.

The provisions of the Order and the implementing regulations are currently either suspended or postponed. A termination Order will be issued the **Federal Register**.