

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on January 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in the Hamilton Conference Room, 14th and K Streets, NW, Washington, DC. Send an original and two copies of your comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 97-083N, Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be considered part of the official record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. F. Edward Scarbrough, U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius, Room 4861, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 205-6670.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. 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, the U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius coordinates the United States representatives to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

The Codex Commission on General Principles was established to deal with procedural and general matters such as the general principles which define the purpose and scope of Codex Alimentarius, the nature of Codex standards, the forms of acceptance by countries of the standards, and the development of guidelines for Codex committees.

#### Issues To Be Discussed at the Meeting

The following specific issues will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Risk Analysis
  - (A.) Definitions related to risk management
  - (B.) Working principles for risk analysis
  - (C.) Equivalence and food safety objectives
2. Measures intended to facilitate consensus within Codex
3. Review of the Codex General Principles

- (A.) Consideration of special treatment of developing countries
- (B.) Revision of the acceptance procedure
4. Review of the status and objectives of Codex texts
5. Review of the statements of principle on the role of science and the extent to which other factors are taken into account such as in the cases of Bovine Somotrophin (BST) and Porcine Somotrophin (PST)
6. Procedures concerning the participation of international non-governmental organizations

In advance of this meeting, the U.S. Manager will have assigned responsibility for development of U.S. positions on these issues to members of government. The designated persons will develop draft proposals, which may be based in part on comments received from the public. All interested parties are invited to provide information on the above issues or any other issues that may be brought before the Codex Committee on General Principles or Codex, in general.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 6, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resource Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

**AGENCY:** Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA, New York State Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the New York State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These new standards include; Waste Storage Facility (NY313), Grassed Waterway (NY412), and Barnyard Water Management System (NY707).

**DATES:** Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),

441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York, 13202-2450.

Copies of these standards are available by request from the above individual.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after the enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee will be held January 29, 1998, 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M(2), 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to advanced materials and related technology.

#### Agenda

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Discussion of papers resulting from assignments related to review of export controls on pipes and valves subject to Export Control Commodity Number 2A292.
4. Discussion of the effect of the implementation of the Wassenaar regulation on licensing requirements for commodities controlled for nuclear proliferation reasons.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may