

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.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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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.

Joseph R. Del Vecchio,

Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Syracuse, NY.

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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

present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

For further information or copies of the minutes, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Application of FutureCom, LTD. as a Contract Market in Live Cattle Futures and Options

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period on notice of application of FutureCom, LTD. for initial designation as a contract market for the automated trading over the internet of cash-settled live cattle futures and options contracts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FutureCom has applied for designation as a contract market for the automated internet-based trading of cash-settled live cattle futures and options. FutureCom has not previously been approved by the Commission as a contract market in any commodity, thus, in addition to the terms and conditions of the proposed futures and options contracts, FutureCom has also submitted proposed trading rules, rules of government, and other materials to meet the requirements for a board of trade seeking initial designation as a contract market. Notice of FutureCom's application was initially published under delegated authority for public comment on January 31, 1997 (62 FR 4730). The proposal was republished for comment under delegated authority on November 24, 1997 (62 FR 62566) for a 30-day comment period ending December 24, 1997. Acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Division of Trading and Markets ("Division") has determined to extend for 30 days the deadline for comments on the notice of

application of FutureCom to be designated as a first-time contract market. The Division believes that extension of the deadline for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act. The Division seeks comment regarding all aspects of FutureCom's application and addressing any issues commenters believe the Commission should consider.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposal to designate FutureCom should submit their views and comments by the specified date to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the FutureCom application for designation as an automated contract market for live cattle futures and options. Copies of the proposed terms and conditions, Exchange rules, compliance procedures, clearing and settlement description, and other related materials are available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat at the above address. Copies also may be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat at the above address or by telephoning (202) 418-5100. Some materials may be subject to confidential treatment pursuant to 17 CFR 145.5 or 145.9. Requests or copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

With respect to questions about the terms and conditions of the proposed futures and option contracts, please contact Fred Linse of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, at Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581; Telephone: (202)418-5273; Facsimile number: (202)418-5527; or Electronic mail: flinse@cftc.gov. With respect to questions about the trading rules and rules of government, please contact Lois Gregory, Division of Trading and Markets, at the same address; Telephone: (202)418-5483; Facsimile number: (202)418-5536; or Electronic mail: lgregory@cftc.gov.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 1998.

Alan L. Seifert,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. **DATES AND TIMES:** Monday, January 26, 1998: 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (Public Comment Session); 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Joint Subcommittee Session); 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Individual Subcommittee Meetings). Tuesday, January 27, 1998: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at: Holiday Inn Oceanfront, 1 South Forest Beach Drive, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerri Flemming, Public Accountability Specialist, Environmental Restoration and Solid Waste Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802 (803) 725-5374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, January 26, 1998

6:00 p.m. Public comment session (5-minute rule)
6:30 p.m. Joint subcommittee issues
7:00 p.m. Issues-based subcommittee meetings
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

8:30 a.m.
Approval of minutes, agency updates (~ 15 minutes)
Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)
Administrative subcommittee report (~ 30 minutes)
—Includes by-laws amendments proposal and officers election