

(1) All appraised production as follows:

(i) Not less than the per-acre revenue guarantee will be used for such acreage:

(A) That is abandoned;

(B) Put to another use without our consent;

(C) Damaged solely by uninsured causes; or

(D) For which you fail to provide acceptable production records;

(ii) Production lost due to uninsured causes;

(iii) Unharvested production (mature unharvested production may be adjusted for quality deficiencies and excess moisture in accordance with section 11(d)); and

(iv) Potential production on insured acreage that you intend to put to another use or you wish to abandon and no longer care for, if you and we agree on the appraised amount of production. Upon such agreement, the insurance period for that acreage will end when you put the acreage to another use or abandon the crop. If agreement on the appraised amount of production is not reached:

(A) If you do not elect to continue to care for the crop, we may give you consent to put the acreage to another use if you agree to leave intact, and provide sufficient care for, representative samples of the crop in locations acceptable to us (The amount of production to count for such acreage will be based on the harvested production or appraisals from the samples at the time harvest should have occurred. If you do not leave the required samples intact, or you fail to provide sufficient care for the samples, our appraisal made prior to giving you consent to put the acreage to another use will be used to determine the amount of production to count); or

(B) If you elect to continue to care for the crop, the amount of production to count for the acreage will be the harvested production, or our reappraisal if additional damage occurs and the crop is not harvested; and.

(2) All harvested production from the insurable acreage.

(d) Mature wheat production may be adjusted for excess moisture and quality deficiencies. If moisture adjustment is applicable, it will be made prior to any adjustment for quality.

(1) Production will be reduced by 0.12 percent for each 0.1 percentage point of moisture in excess of 13.5 percent. We may obtain samples of the production to determine the moisture content.

(2) Production will be eligible for quality adjustment if:

(i) Deficiencies in quality, in accordance with the Official United

States Standards for Grain, result in wheat not meeting the grade requirements for U.S. No. 4 (grades U.S. No. 5 or worse) because of test weight, total damaged kernels (excluding heat damage), shrunken or broken kernels, or defects (excluding foreign material and heat damage), or grading garlicky, light smutty, smutty or ergoty;

(ii) Substances or conditions are present, including mycotoxins, that are identified by the Food and Drug Administration or other public health organizations of the United States as being injurious to human or animal health.

(3) Quality will be a factor in determining your loss only if:

(i) The deficiencies, substances, or conditions resulted from a cause of loss against which insurance is provided under these crop provisions and which occurs within the insurance period;

(ii) All determinations of these deficiencies, substances, or conditions are made using samples of the production obtained by us or by a disinterested third party approved by us; and

(iii) The samples are analyzed by a grader licensed to grade the wheat under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act or the United States Warehouse Act with regard to deficiencies in quality, or by a laboratory approved by us with regard to substances or conditions injurious to human or animal health. Test weight for quality adjustment purposes may be determined by our loss adjuster.

(4) The wheat production that is eligible for quality adjustment, as specified in sections 11(d) (2) and (3), will be reduced by the quality adjustment factor contained in the Special Provisions.

(e) Any production harvested from plants growing in the wheat may be counted as production of the wheat on a weight basis.

## 12. Prevented Planting

Your prevented planting coverage will be 60 percent of your per-acre revenue guarantee for timely planted acreage. You may increase your prevented planting coverage to a level specified in the actuarial documents by paying an additional premium.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on December 29, 1998.

**Kenneth D. Ackerman,**

*Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-063N]

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring public meetings on January 13, 1999, and February 3, 1999, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Seventh Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS), in Melbourne, Australia, February 22-26, 1999. The Office of the Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the Seventh Session of the CCFICS and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Wednesday, February 3, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meetings will be held in Room 1813, 200 C Street, SW, Washington, DC. Send an original and two copies of comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket Number 98-063N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Clerkin, Associate U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Telephone:* (202) 205-7760; *Fax:* (202) 720-3157.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1962 by two

United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Codex is the principal 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.

CCFICS was established to develop principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems; the application of measures by competent authorities of importing and exporting countries to provide assurance that foods comply with essential requirements; the utilization of quality assurance systems; and the format and content of official certificates.

#### Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meetings

The following issues will be discussed during the public meetings:

- Draft Guidelines for the Development of Equivalence Agreements Regarding Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems at Step 7

- Proposed Draft Guidelines/Recommendations for Food Import Control Systems (*New Work*)

- Proposed Draft Guidelines and Criteria for Official Certificate Formats and Rules Relating to the Production and Issuance of Certificates (*New Work*)
- Discussion Paper on Issues Relating to the Judgement of Equivalence
- Discussion Paper on the Utilization and Promotion of Quality Assurance Systems
- Discussion Paper on Guidelines for the Establishment of a Database on Importing Country Legislation

In advance of these meetings, the U.S. Delegate to CCFICS will have assigned the responsibility for development of U.S. positions on these issues to various members of the federal government. The individuals assigned will be named at the January 13 public meeting.

Additionally, at the January 13 public meeting, the issues will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. At the February 3 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the issues will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. During the public meetings, all interested parties are invited to

provide information and comments on the above issues or any other issues that may be brought before CCFICS. Comments may also be sent to the FSIS Docket Clerk (see ADDRESSES). Please state that your comments relate to CCFICS activities and specify which issues your comments address.

**F. Edward Scarbrough,**

*U.S. Manager for Codex.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Inviting Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of one single \$500,000 grant from the passenger transportation portion of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 to be competitively awarded to a qualified national organization.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of a preapplication in the Rural Development State Office is March 1, 1999. Preapplications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date will not be considered for FY 1999 funding.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

#### Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Center, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400

#### Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645-6539, (907) 745-2176

#### Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602) 280-8700

#### Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700 West Capitol Avenue—Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200

#### California

USDA Rural Development State Office, 430 G Street, Agcy. 4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169, (530) 792-5800

#### Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office, 655 Parfet Street, Room E-100, Lakewood, CO 80215, (303) 236-2801

#### Delaware/Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office, 5201 South Dupont Highway, Camden, DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-4300

#### Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4440 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, (352) 338-3400

#### Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office, Stephens Federal Building, 355 E Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601-2768, (706) 546-2162

#### Hawaii

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 311, 154 Waiuanue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933-3000

#### Idaho

USDA Rural Development State Office, 9173 West Barnes Drive, Suite A1, Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378-5600

#### Illinois

USDA Rural Development State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite 103, 1817 South Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 398-5235

#### Indiana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290-3100

#### Iowa

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 873, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284-4663

#### Kansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1200 SW Executive Drive, Topeka, KS 66604, (785) 271-2700

#### Kentucky

USDA Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 224-7300

#### Louisiana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7920

#### Maine

USDA Rural Development State Office, 444 Stillwater Avenue, Suite 2, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9106

#### Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut

USDA Rural Development State Office, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4300