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Type of Meeting

All meetings will be open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on February 9, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting should forward the request to Ms. Thomas at the above address or by FAX to (202) 205-7808 by close of business February 5, 1999. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure an opportunity to speak during that allotted time period and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing, if possible. Written submissions may supplement the oral presentation with additional material. Attendees who do not wish to make an oral presentation are invited to submit written comments to the NOSB at the meeting or to Ms. Thomas after the meeting at the above address. All persons submitting written comments should provide 20 copies.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Eileen S. Stommes,

Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: Notice of the second meeting; Opportunity for oral testimony at the meeting; and Opportunity to provide written comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (a) provide notice of the second meeting of the Committee (b) solicit application for oral testimony, and (c) solicit written comments.

DATES: (1) The Committee will meet on March 8 to 10, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the first day, from 9:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the second day, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third day. (2) Applications for oral testimony, to be presented on the morning of the first day, may be submitted by 5 p.m. e.s.t. February 24, 1999. (3) Written comments on the guidelines may be submitted by 5 p.m. e.s.t. on February 24, 1999, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to this meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shanthy Bowman, Ph.D., USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, 4700 River Road, Unit 89, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-5640; Carole Davis, M.S., R.D., USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 1120 20th St., NW, Suite 200 North Lobby, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 418-2312; or Kathryn McMurry, M.S. or Linda Meyers, Ph.D., HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, Room 738-G, 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 205-4872.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

The eleven-member Committee appointed by the Secretaries of the two Departments is chaired by Cutberto Garza, M.D., Ph.D., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Other members are Richard J. Deckelbaum, M.D., Columbia University, New York, New York; Johanna T. Dwyer, D.Sc., R.D., Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts; Scott M. Grundy, M.D., Ph.D., University of Texas, Dallas, Texas; Rachel K. Johnson, Ph.D., R.D., University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont; Shiriki K. Kumanyika, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Alice H. Lichtenstein, D.Sc., Tufts University Center for Aging, Boston, Massachusetts; Suzanne P. Murphy, Ph.D., R.D., University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii; Meir J. Stampfer, M.D., Dr.P.H., Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Lesley Fels Tinker, Ph.D., R.D., University of Washington, Seattle, Washington; Roland L. Weinsier, M.D., Dr.P.H., University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama.

Committee's Task

The appointment of the Committee reflects the commitment by the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services to provide sound and current dietary guidance to consumers. The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-445) requires the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the Dietary Guidelines for Americans at least every five years. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee has decided a revision of the 1995 edition of *Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans* is warranted, and will recommend revisions to the Secretaries for the year 2000 edition.

Announcement of Meeting

The Committee's second meeting will be March 8-10, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the first day, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the second day, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third day. The meeting is open to the public. However, space is limited for all sessions. The agenda will include (a) presentations from invited experts, (b) oral testimony from preregistered people or groups, (c) discussion of drafts prepared by members, and (d) formulation of plans for future work of the Committee. Opportunity for oral public testimony will be provided on the morning of the first day. Please call Shanthy Bowman at (301) 734-5640 by 5:00 p.m. e.s.t. February 24, 1999, should you require a sign language interpreter.

Location of Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Waugh Auditorium located on the third floor of USDA's Economic Research Service, 1800 M Street NW, Washington DC, one block from Farragut North metro station and three blocks from the Farragut West metro station. Parking is available at local garages. Entry to the building is through the South Lobby Tower.

Oral Testimony

By this notice, the Committee is soliciting submission of applications for oral testimony from the public. Requests to testify, along with a written outline of the intended testimony not exceeding one page in length, should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. e.s.t. February 24, 1999 to Shanthy Bowman, Ph.D., at Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, 4700 River Road, Unit 89, Riverdale, MD 20737. Presenters are required to disclose their affiliation and their source of funding to give oral testimony at the

meeting and limit their comments to three minutes.

Written Comment

By this notice, the Committee is soliciting submission of written comments, views, information and data pertinent to review of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Written comments will be accepted throughout the process. To be considered for the second meeting, comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. e.s.t. February 24, 1999. Comments should be sent to Shanthi Bowman, at Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, 4700 River Road, Unit 89, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Edward B. Knipling,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

Rajen Anand,

Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Department of Agriculture.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Linda Meyers,

Acting Director, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

The Emergency Food Assistance Program; Availability of Commodities for Fiscal Year 1999

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the surplus and purchased commodities that the Department expects to make available for donation to States for use in providing food assistance to the needy under the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 1999. The commodities made available under this notice shall, at the discretion of the State, be distributed to organizations for use in preparing meals, and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillie Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Program Administration Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive,

Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594 or telephone (703) 305-2662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Need for Action

Surplus Commodities

Surplus commodities donated for distribution under TEFAP are Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) commodities determined to be available for donation by the Secretary of Agriculture under the authority of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, 7 U.S.C. 1431 (hereinafter referred to as section 416) and commodities purchased under the surplus removal authority of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, 7 U.S.C. 612c (hereinafter referred to as section 32). The types of commodities typically made available under section 416 include dairy, grains, oils, and peanut products. The types of commodities purchased under section 32 include meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, dry beans, juices and fruits. Donations of surplus commodities were initiated in 1981 as part of the Department's efforts to reduce stockpiles of government-owned commodities, such as cheese, flour, butter, and cornmeal, which had been acquired under section 416. These donations responded to concern over the costs to taxpayers of storing large quantities of foods, while at the same time there were persons in need of food assistance. The authority to donate surplus commodities for distribution through TEFAP is currently codified in Section 202 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act (EFAA) of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7502).

The supply of surplus commodities has been drastically reduced from the levels available in the early 1980s. These reductions are the result of changes in the agricultural price-support programs which have brought supply and demand into better balance, and accelerated donations and sales. However, this trend reversed itself beginning in FY 1997. In FY 1998, the Department purchased \$108 million worth of surplus commodities. The large surpluses were the result of the reduction in foreign sales due primarily to the Asian economic downturn. The following surplus commodities were purchased for donation in FY 1998 but will be delivered in the first quarter of FY 1999, because they did not become available for purchase until late in the year: frozen beef roasts, canned salmon, canned applesauce, canned apple slices, canned cherries, frozen apricots, grapefruit juice, apple juice, dried figs, prune puree, dried prunes, raisins, walnut pieces, and instant nonfat dried

milk. In addition to delivering these products for distribution in FY 1999, the Department anticipates that there will be sufficient quantities of nonfat dry milk available for donation under section 416, and salmon, pork, fresh apples and fresh grapefruit purchased under section 32, to support the donation of these commodities for distribution through TEFAP in FY 1999. While sufficient quantities of these commodities are anticipated to again be available in FY 1999 to support such donations, the Department would like to point out that commodity acquisitions are based on changing agricultural market conditions; therefore, the above commodities may not be available for donation in FY 1999, and additional types of surplus commodities may become available.

Purchased Commodities

Congress responded to the reduced availability of surplus commodities with section 104 of the Hunger Prevention Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-435, which added sections 213 and 214 to the EFAA. Those sections require the Secretary to purchase commodities for distribution to States in addition to those surplus commodities which otherwise might be provided to States for distribution under TEFAP. Pursuant to section 871(d) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193, Congress repealed the authorization of funds for food purchases under section 214. In addition, section 871(g) added a new section 27 to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 under which the Secretary is required to use \$100 million from the funds made available to carry out the Food Stamp Act for each of FYs 1997 through 2002 to purchase a variety of nutritious and useful commodities and distribute the commodities to States for distribution through TEFAP. However, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, Pub. L. 105-277, has limited to \$90 million the amount of Food Stamp Program appropriations available in FY 1999 for the purchase of TEFAP commodities, although the \$45 million administrative funding appropriation, as divided among the States, may be used, in whole or in part, at the discretion of each State, by USDA for the purchase of additional commodities for TEFAP.

For FY 1999, the Department anticipates purchasing the following commodities for distribution through TEFAP: peanut butter, roasted peanuts, rice, macaroni, spaghetti, grits, fortified cereal, bakery mix, egg mix, dehydrated