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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council; Correction

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Research Service published a document in the *Federal Register* of September 1, 1999, concerning solicitation for nominations to fill five vacancies on the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council. The deadline for nominations is extended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Henry L. Shands, Director, National Genetic Resources Program, Stop Code 0305, Room 324-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0305. Telephone 202-720-7545, Fax 202-690-1434.

Correction

In the *Federal Register* of September 1, 1999, in FR Doc. 99-22704, on page 47759, the date in the last sentence of the last paragraph has been extended to read:

Nominations should be sent to Henry L. Shands at the address listed above, and be post marked no later than October 29, 1999.

Dated: October 1, 1999

Henry L. Shands,

Assistant Administrator for Genetic Resources, USDA-ARS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-047N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, and the Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture; and the Food and Drug Administration, United States Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring two public meetings on October 12-13, 1999, and November 9, 1999, to provide information and receive public comments on issues that will be discussed at the Thirty-second Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, which will be held in Washington, DC, on November 29-December 4, 1999.

DATES: The first public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 12-13, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The second public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 1999, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The first public meeting will be held in Rooms 1409 and 1813, Federal Office Building 8, 200 C St. SW, Washington, DC, 20204. The second public meeting will be held in Room 1409, Federal Office Building 8, 200 C St. SW, Washington, DC, 20204. To receive copies of the documents listed in the notice contact the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/economic/esn/codex/ccfh32/FH99_01e.htm. When submitting comments, send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Clerk and reference the Docket # 99-047N and the appropriate document number. All comments submitted 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, FSIS, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, telephone (202) 690-4042; Fax: (202) 720-3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Patrick J. Clerkin, telephone (202) 690-4042; Fax: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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.

The Codex Committee on Food Hygiene Issues (CCFH) was established to draft basic provisions on food hygiene for all foods. The Government of United States of America hosts this committee and will chair the Thirty-second Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene Issues.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The purpose of the first meeting (October 12-13, 1999) is to provide information and receive public comments on all issues coming before the 32nd Session of the CCFH. Specific time periods during the two-day period will be designated to review each issue and will be announced on October 12. The purpose of the second meeting is to present and receive comment on draft United States positions on all issues coming before the 32nd Session of CCFH.

Below is a list of documents that address the issues the CCFH will discuss at the meetings. The issue documents marked with an asterisk are available in the FSIS docket Clerks

office (See **ADDRESSES**). The remaining documents will be available in the docket clerks office as soon as they are published.

1. Report by the Secretariat on Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or Other Codex Committees to the Food Hygiene Committee including the Report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Microbiological Hazards in Foods (CX/FH 99/2).

2. Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Bottled/Packed Drinking Waters (Other than Natural Mineral Waters), (CL 1999/9-FH). Government Comments—(CX/FH 99/3).

3. *Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for the Transport of Foodstuffs in Bulk and Semi-Packed Foodstuffs (CX/FH 99/4). Government Comments—(CX/FH 99/4-Add. 1).

4. *Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (CX/FH 99/5). Government Comments—(CX/FH 99/5-Add. 1).

5. *Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for the Primary Production, Harvesting and Packaging of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FH 99/6). Government Comments—(CX/FH 99/6-Add. 1).

6. *Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Pre-Cut Fruits and Vegetables at Step 4 (CX/FH 99/7). Government Comments—(CX/FH 99/7-Add. 1).

7. *Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Management (CX/FH 99/8). Government Comments—(CX/FH 99/8-Add. 1).

8. Discussion Paper on HACCP in Less Developed Businesses (CX/FH 99/9).

9. *Discussion Paper on Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Control of Listeria monocytogenes in Foods in International Trade (CX/FH 99/10).

10. Discussion Paper on Viruses in Foods (CX/FH 99/11).

11. Discussion Paper on Antibiotic Resistance in Food (CX/FH 99/12).

12. Discussion Paper on Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Hygienic Reuse of Processing Water in Food Plants (CX/FH 99/13).

13. *Priorities for the Revision of Codes of Hygienic Practice (CX/FH 99/14).

Additional Public Notification

Pursuant to Department Regulation 4300-4, "Civil Rights Impact Analysis," dated September 22, 1993, FSIS has considered the potential civil rights impact of this public meeting on minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. FSIS anticipates that this public meeting will not have a negative or disproportionate impact on minorities, women, or persons with disabilities. However, public meetings generally are designed to provide information and receive public comments on substantive issues which may lead to new or revised agency regulations or instructions. Public involvement in all segments of rulemaking and policy development are

important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are made aware of this public meeting and are informed about the mechanism for providing their comments, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update.

FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** Notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information with a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC, on October 1, 1999.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Medicine Bow National Forest, Albany County, Carbon County, Converse County, Natrona County, Platte County, WY

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement in conjunction with revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Medicine Bow National Forest.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement in conjunction with the revision of its Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as Forest Plan or Plan) for the Medicine Bow National Forest. This notice describes the proposed action, specific portions of the current Forest plan to be revised, environmental issues

considered in the revision, estimated dates for filing the environmental impact statement, information concerning public participation, and the names and addresses of the agency officials who can provide additional information.

DATES: The public is asked to provide comments identifying and considering issues, concerns, and the scope of analysis with regard to the proposed action, in writing by November 15, 1999. The Forest Service expects to file a Draft Environmental Impact Statement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and make it available for public comment in October of 2000. The Forest Service expects to file a Final Environmental Impact Statement in December of 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Jerry E. Schmidt, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Dee Hines, Forest Planner, (307) 745-2473.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Rocky Mountain Regional Forester at P.O. Box 25127, Lakewood, CO 80225-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to part 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 219.10(g), the Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as Forest Plan or Plan—for the Medicine Bow National Forest. According to 36 CFR 219.10(g), land and resource management plans are ordinarily revised on a 10 to 15 year cycle. The existing Forest Plan was approved on November 20, 1985.

The Forest Service is the lead agency in this revision effort. The state of Wyoming, by and through the Office of Federal Land Policy, is a Cooperating Agency (40 CFR 1501.6) by virtue of special expertise. The Rocky Mountain Regional Forester is the Deciding Officer and Responsible Official.

Forest plans describe the intended management of National Forests. Agency decisions in these plans do the following:

1. Establish multiple-use goals and objectives (36 CFR 219.11 (b)).
2. Establish forestwide management standards and guidelines applying to future activities (resource integration requirements, 36 CFR 219.13 to 219.27).
3. Establish management areas and management area direction (management area prescriptions)