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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-030N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Twentieth Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on August 10, 2000. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Twentieth Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV), which will be held in Washington, DC on September 11-15, 2000. The Under Secretary and AMS recognize the importance of providing interested parties with information about the Processed Fruits and Vegetables Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and to address the items on the Agenda for the Twentieth Session of the CCPFV.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 0161 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC. To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice contact the FSIS Docket Room, 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/ccpfv20/pf00-01e.htm>.

Submit one original and two copies of written comments to the FSIS Docket Room (address above), Docket #00-030N and the document number. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the FSIS Docket Room 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 Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone (202) 205-7760, FAX (202) 720-3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mr. Clerkin at the above number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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 protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. 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 Processed Fruits and Vegetables reviews world-wide standards for various processed fruits and vegetables, including certain dried products and certain canned products. This committee does not cover standards for fruit and vegetable juices. Codex has also allocated to this Committee the work of revision of standards for quick frozen fruits and vegetables. The Committee is chaired by the United States of America.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

Agenda items will be described and discussed at the August 10, 2000, public meeting. Attendees will have the

opportunity to pose questions and offer comments.

The provisional agenda items to be discussed during the public meeting are:

1. Adoption of the Agenda,
2. Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees,
3. Establishment of a Priority List for the Revision and Standardization of Processed Fruits and Vegetables,
4. Draft Revised Standards for Canned Fruits at Step 7 Canned Applesauce and Canned Pears,
5. Proposed Draft Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Vegetables,
6. Proposed Draft Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruits,
7. Methods of Analysis for Processed Fruits and Vegetables,
8. Consideration of Other Draft and Proposed Draft Standards for Processed Fruits and Vegetables Based on Priority List Discussions,
9. Other Business and Future Work.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by United States' Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see ADDRESSES).

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, 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 to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more

information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC on July 21, 2000.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Forest Service

Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Maintaining Agriculture and Forestry in Rapidly Growing Areas Listening Forums hosted by members of the USDA Policy Advisory Committee on Farmland Protection. The USDA Policy Advisory Committee on Farm and Forest Lands Protection is holding listening forums this summer to solicit policy feedback and anecdotal information on what works and what does not work from a community's perspective in working with Federal tools designed to maintain land as farmland and forest land. The input received from these forums will be synthesized into a report that USDA will issue on this subject later this year.

Specifically, the forums will ask for public comment on the following questions:

1. What are the economic, environmental, and social benefits of farms and forested lands for communities, especially those in rapidly growing regions?

2. What are the challenges that communities and individuals face in trying to maintain farms and forested lands, especially in rapidly growing areas?

3. What sorts of opportunities exist to capitalize on market opportunities (e.g. direct marketing and agri-tourism) to encourage maintenance of farmland and forestland?

4. What role could the Federal Government play to better support farmers and forest operators in taking advantage of these opportunities?

DATES: The first two forums were held July 13, 2000, in Sycamore, Illinois and July 21, 2000 in Davis, California. The third forum will be July 31, 2000, in Seattle, Washington at Yale Street

Landing, 1001 Fairview Avenue North, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The fourth forum will be August 7, 2000, at the Crown Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1325 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The last forum will be held in Morristown, New Jersey, on August 9, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. It will be held at 53 East Hanover Avenue, at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum Auditorium. Three informational gathering sessions are being considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these forums is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the USDA Policy Advisory Committee, including any revised agendas for future forums that may appear after this **Federal Register** Notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Draft Agenda for the Forums

- A. Opening remarks.
- B. Panel presentations.
- C. Public participation: oral statements, questions and answer period.
- D. Closing remarks.

Procedural

The forums are open to the general public. Members of the general public will have an opportunity to present their ideas and opinions during each forum. Persons wishing to make oral statements should pre-register by contacting Ms. Mary Lou Flores at (202) 720-4525. Those who wish to submit written statements can do so by submitting 25 copies of their statements two days prior to the forum. Please send them to Ms. Stacie Kornegay, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013, Room 6013-S. The written form of the oral statements must not exceed five pages in 12-point pitch. At each forum, reasonable provisions will be made for oral presentations of no more than 3 minutes each in duration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for special accommodations because of disability, questions or comments should be directed to Rosann Durrah, Designated Federal Official, at (202) 720-4072; fax (202) 690-0639, email rosann.durrah@usda.gov.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on July 21, 2000.

Anne Keys,

Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 2:00 p.m. and adjourn at 6:00 p.m. on August 25, 2000, at the University of Delaware, Black Studies Department, 420 Ewing Hall, Conference Room 416, Newark, Delaware 19716. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) review the current project, "Citizens Reference Guide to Civil Rights in Delaware", (2) discuss civil rights developments, and (3) plan new projects.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson James Newton, 302-831-8683, or Edward Darden, Civil Rights Analyst of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, July 21, 2000.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 000630200-0200-01; I.D. 060800F]

RIN 0648-XA55

New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed restoration ideas for implementation in New Bedford Harbor; request for comments.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council (Council), NMFS, serving as the Administrative Trustee, announces that the Council is proposing 17 restoration ideas for possible implementation through