

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Executive Subcommittee.

*Time and Date:* 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. EDT, August 18, 2000.

*Place:* The Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* This meeting of the Executive Subcommittee will be held as a retreat for Committee planning purposes. Planning issues will include how the Committee might better organize and integrate across priorities, the efficiency and effectiveness of the current Committee structure and meeting schedule, and whether the Committee is appropriately positioned to address new and emerging topics. Plans will also be made for future Committee meetings later in 2000 and in early 2001.

*Contact Person for more Information:* Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where further information will be posted when available.

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### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00N-1374]

#### Revisions of Certain Food Chemicals Codex Monographs, New General Test Procedures, Revisions of General Test Procedures, and Revisions of Test Solutions; Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on pending changes to certain Food Chemicals Codex specification monographs, general test procedures, and test solutions in the fourth edition, as well as on proposed new general test procedures. Revisions and corrections to current specification monographs for certain substances used as food ingredients, new and revised general test procedures, and revised test solutions are being prepared by the National Academies (previously the National Academy of Science) Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Food Chemicals Codex (the committee). This material is expected to be presented in the next publication of the Food Chemicals Codex (the third supplement to the fourth edition), scheduled for public release in the summer of 2001.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by September 22, 2000. (The committee advises that comments received after this date may not be considered for the third supplement to the fourth edition. Comments received too late for consideration for the third supplement will be considered for later supplements or for a new edition of the Food Chemicals Codex.)

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments and supporting data and documentation to the Committee on Food Chemicals Codex/FO-3042, Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418. Copies of the proposed revisions to current monographs, the proposed new general test procedures, the proposed revised general test procedures, and the proposed revised test solutions may be obtained upon written request from IOM (address above) or may be examined at the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Requests for copies should specify by name the monographs, general test procedures, or test solutions desired. Copies may also be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.nas.edu/iom/fcc>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ricardo Molins, Project Director/FO-3042, Committee on Food Chemicals Codex, Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418, 202-334-2580; or

Paul M. Kuznesof, Division of Product Manufacture and Use (HFS-246), Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied

Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By contract with the IOM, FDA supports the preparation of the Food Chemicals Codex, a compendium of specification monographs for substances used as food ingredients. Before any specifications are included in a Food Chemicals Codex publication, public announcement is made in the **Federal Register**. All interested parties are invited to comment and to make suggestions for consideration. Suggestions should be accompanied by supporting data or other documentation to facilitate and expedite review by the committee.

In the **Federal Register** of January 29, 1999 (64 FR 4667), and of May 25, 1999 (64 FR 28204), FDA announced that the committee was considering new and revised monographs and new and revised general analytical procedures for inclusion in the second supplement to the fourth edition of the Food Chemicals Codex. The second supplement to the fourth edition of the Food Chemicals Codex was released by the National Academy Press (NAP) in April 2000. It is now available for sale from NAP (1-800-624-6242; 202-334-3313; FAX 202-334-2451; Internet <http://www.nap.edu>); 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Lockbox 285, Washington, DC 20055.

FDA is announcing that the committee is soliciting comments and information on additional proposed changes to certain current monographs, on proposed new general test procedures, on proposed revised general test procedures, and on proposed revised test solutions. These revised monographs, general test procedures, and test solutions, as well as the new general test procedures, are expected to be published in the third supplement to the fourth edition of the Food Chemicals Codex. Copies of the proposed items may be obtained upon written request from IOM at the address listed above or on the Internet at <http://www.nas.edu/iom/fcc>.

FDA emphasizes, however, that it will not consider adopting and incorporating any of the committee's revised monographs, new and revised general test procedures, or revised test solutions into FDA regulations without ample opportunity for public comment. If FDA decides to propose the adoption of changes that have received final approval of the committee, it will announce its intention and provide an opportunity for public comment in the **Federal Register**.