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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will meet on Friday, November 16, 2001. The meeting will be held in Potomac Rooms I and II, Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Council was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. section 470) to advise the President and the Congress on matters relating to historic preservation and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Council’s members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency and General Services Administration; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native Hawaiian; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President. The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

I. Chairman’s Welcome
II. Chairman’s Report
III. Section 106 and Energy Issues
   A. Energy Initiatives with the Federal Regulatory Commission—Report and Possible Action
   B. Program Comment for Historic Natural Gas Pipelines—Action

IV. Improving Federal Stewardship
   A. Report of Task Force on Balancing Cultural and Natural Values in National Parks—Report and Action
   B. Army Alternate Procedures—Report
   C. Preservation of Manhattan Project Historic Properties—Report and Possible Action
   D. Preservation, the Military Construction Process, and Defense Mobilization—Report and Possible Action

V. Section 106 Issues
   A. Management of the Missouri River Mainstem System—Report and Possible Action
   B. Smithsonian Institution and Section 106—Report and Action

VI. Executive Director’s Report
VII. New Business
VIII. Adjourn

Note: The meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 809, Washington, DC, 202–606–8503, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the meeting is available from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., #809, Washington, DC 20004.


John M. Fowler, Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[FR–01–330]

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is revising the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas. Specifically, USDA is providing for the “individual attributes” procedure for product grading with sample sizes, acceptable quality levels (AQL’s), tolerances and acceptance numbers (number of allowable defects) in the grade standards. This revision will also provide a uniform format consistent with other recently revised U.S. grade standards by adopting definitions for terms and replacing textual descriptions with easy-to-read tables and other editorial changes. These changes will improve use of the standards.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randle A. Macon, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–0247; ph.: (202) 720–5021; fax: (202) 690–1527; or e-mail to randle.macon@usda.gov. The current United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas, along with the revision, are available either through the above address or by accessing AMS’s Web site on the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html. The United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.

* * * AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by USDA.

AMS is revising the U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas using the procedures that appear in part 36 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Proposed by the Petitioner

The petitioner, the American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI), petitioned the USDA to revise the U.S. Grade
Standards for Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas. It was specifically requested that the “individual attributes” system of grading, be incorporated into the revision. “Individual attributes” provide statistically derived acceptable quality levels (AQL’s) based on the tolerances in the grade standards.

The current standards are based on an older “attributes” model. It is proposed that the standards be modified to convert them to the improved “individual attributes” grading system, similar to the U.S. grade standards for canned green and wax beans (58 FR 4295, January 14, 1993). AMS prepared a discussion draft of the frozen field peas, frozen black-eye peas standard, and distributed copies for input to AFFI and the National Food Processors Association (NFPA). Input from the above groups was used to develop the proposed standards.

Proposed by Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS

Based on the results of the information gathered, AMS prepared and published a notice proposing to revise the U.S. Grade Standards for Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas in the Federal Register February 9, 2000, with a 60-day comment period, proposing changes to the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas in the Federal Register (65 FR 7486).

AMS received comments on the Notice from AFFI. AFFI recommended changing part of the product description to include a provision that “Frozen peas may contain succulent, unshelled pods of the field pea plant or small sieved round type succulent pods of the green bean plant as an optional ingredient used as a garnish.” The purpose of the recommendation is to make the standards consistent with current industry practices. Changes in mechanical harvesting have lowered the supply of “snaps” (immature pods) from the field pea plant. Snaps were customarily used as a garnish. In order to maintain the custom, the industry wants to use the succulent pod of the green pea plant, which are readily available, using current harvesting practices. This recommendation has merit. Accordingly, we are incorporating this change into the standard.

AFFI also recommended that the second category for “Color Defective” in Table II, “AQL’s and Tolerances for Defects in White Acre Frozen Peas”, of the proposed grade standards be eliminated along with the corresponding footnotes. We are dropping the footnote and the second category, as AFFI recommends, because both were left in the table inadvertently. Since Table II refers to White acre peas only, footnote 2/ “For Crowder Peas Only” and the second category “Color Defective” (for crowder peas), do not apply.

Based on these changes, the revisions would modify the standards to present them in a simplified easy-to-use format. Consistent with recent revisions of other U.S. grade standards, definitions of terms and easy-to-read tables would replace the textual descriptions. These changes are intended to facilitate better understanding and more uniform application of the grade standards.

This revision becomes effective 30 days after date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.


A.J. Yates,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Forest Counties Payments Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forest Counties Payments Committee has scheduled a meeting on November 14, 2001, to discuss how it will provide Congress with the information specified in Section 320 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. In order to develop its recommendations to Congress, the Committee would like to hear from both elected officials and the general public. The meeting will consist of a business session, which is open to public attendance, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and a public input session from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Club Hotel, 475 West Parkcenter Boulevard, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Those who cannot be present may submit written responses to the questions listed under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION in this notice to Randle G. Phillips, Executive Director, Forest Counties Payments Committee, P.O. Box 34718, Washington, DC 20043–4713, or electronically to rphillips01@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randle G. Phillips, Executive Director, Forest Counties Payments Committee, (202) 208–6574; or via e-mail at rphillips01@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 320 of the 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106–389) authorizes the payments to States and counties from monies derived from receipts collected on Federal lands. These payments are to be used for the benefit of public education and other public purposes. The Act also created a Forest Counties Payments Committee to gather input from the public and elected officials to help develop recommendations to Congress on a long-term solution for making payments to eligible States and counties in which Federal lands are situated. The Committee will evaluate the methods and use of these payments. The Committee will also consider the impact on eligible States and counties of revenues from the historic multiple use of Federal lands; evaluate the economic, environmental, and social benefits which accrue to counties containing Federal lands; evaluate the expenditures by counties on activities occurring on Federal lands which are Federal responsibilities; and monitor payments and implementation of the Act.

At the November 14 meeting in Boise, the Committee asks that respondents provide information that is responsive to the following questions:

1. Do counties receive their fair share of federal revenue-sharing payments made to eligible States?
2. What difficulties exist in complying with, and managing all of the federal revenue-sharing payments programs? Are some more difficult than others?
3. What economic, social, and environmental costs do counties incur as a result of the presence of public lands within their boundaries?
4. What economic, social, and environmental benefits do counties realize as a result of public lands within their boundaries?
5. What are the economic and social effects from changes in revenues generated from public lands over the past 15 years, as a result of changes in management on public lands in your State or county?
6. What actions has your State or county taken to mitigate any impacts associated with declining economic conditions or revenue-sharing payments?

7. What effects, both positive and negative, have taken place with education and highway programs that are attributable to the management of