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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV02-376]

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to notify all interested parties that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will hold a Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee) meeting that is open to the public to attend. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Committee to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

DATES: The Committee meeting which is open to the public will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held at the South Building, Room 3501, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, Room 2077 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 720-4722, e-mail—robert.keeney@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.), the Secretary of Agriculture established the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee to examine the full spectrum of issues

faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the USDA on tailoring its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

At the April 16-17, 2002, meeting announced in this document, the members of the Committee will elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee who will serve for a 2-year term. The committee will seek input from parties particularly interested in fruit and vegetable programs regarding the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry including: improvement of service to the fruit and vegetable industry; improvement of fruit and vegetable programs delivery; and other input regarding the tailoring of USDA programs to meet industry needs. Therefore, AMS, is giving notice of the committee meeting to the public to attend.

Those parties that wish to attend the meeting should register on or before April 9, 2002, since space is limited. To register please e-mail Robert.Keeney@usda.gov or send a fax to 202-720-0016. Registrants should include their name, address, and daytime telephone number.

Upon entering the South Building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the FVIAC Committee Meeting. Identification will be required to be admitted to the building. Security personnel will direct visitors to a registration log that will need to be signed on entrance into the building. All visitors must be registered with AMS in advance of the meeting.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV-02-330]

United States Standards for Grades of Canned Mushrooms

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) published a notice soliciting comments on its proposed revision to change the United States Standards for Grades of Canned Mushrooms. Specifically, AMS proposed to lower the Recommended Minimum Drained Weight Averages (RMDWA's) and lower limits for mushrooms packed in the 8 ounce, jumbo, and No. 10 can sizes. After reviewing and considering the comments received, the Agency has decided to withdraw the proposal and terminate the action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chere L. Shorter, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 0709, South Building; STOP 0247, Washington, DC 20250; faxed to (202) 690-1527; or e-mailed to Chere.Shorter@usda.gov.

The current United States Standards for Grades of Canned Mushrooms, along with the proposed changes, are available either through the address cited above or by accessing the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html>. Any comments received, regarding this notice will also be posted on that site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In August 1990, USDA, through one of its field offices, received a letter from a food importer in New York alerting AMS to the disparity in the United States Standards for Grades of Canned Mushrooms. The company proposed that the RMDWA's in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Mushrooms be lowered to 56 percent of the water capacity of the container, the FDA minimum fill requirement appearing in 21 CFR 155.201.