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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 (ACHP) will meet on Friday, January 16, 2004. The meeting will be held in Room M-09 at the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The ACHP was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*) 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 ACHP's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense, 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. Preserve America Program Development
- III. Preserve America Executive Order Implementation
- IV. Report of the Executive Committee
- V. Report of the Preservation Initiatives Committee
- VI. Report of the Federal Agency Programs Committee
- VII. Report of the Communications, Education, and Outreach Committee

- VIII. Chairman's Report
- IX. Executive Director's Report
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjourn

Note: The meetings of the ACHP 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.

Dated: January 6, 2004.

John M. Fowler,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. 04-001-1]

Declaration of Extraordinary Emergency Because of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) has been detected in the United States. BSE is a progressive neurological disorder of ruminants that results from infection by an unconventional transmissible agent. It appears that BSE is primarily spread through the use of ruminant feed containing protein and other products from ruminants infected with BSE. The disease was detected in the State of Washington and had not previously been detected in the United States.

The presence of BSE presents a threat to U.S. livestock. It constitutes a significant danger to the national economy and a potential serious burden on interstate and foreign commerce. The Department has reviewed the measures being taken by the State of Washington to quarantine and regulate the herds in question and has consulted with appropriate State Government and Indian tribal officials in the State of Washington. Based on that review and consultation, and the scope of the impact of this event on the national economy, the Department has determined that the State may be unable

to adequately take the measures necessary to quarantine and dispose of animals that may be infected with or exposed to BSE. Therefore, the Department has determined that an extraordinary emergency exists because of BSE in the State of Washington.

This declaration of extraordinary emergency authorizes the Secretary to (1) hold, seize, treat, apply other remedial actions to, destroy (including preventative slaughter), or otherwise dispose of, any animal, article, facility, or means of conveyance if the Secretary determines the action is necessary to prevent the dissemination of BSE and (2) prohibit or restrict the movement or use within the State of Washington, or any portion of the State of Washington, of any animal or article, means of conveyance, or facility if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of BSE. The appropriate State Government and Indian tribal officials in Washington have been informed of these facts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This declaration of extraordinary emergency shall become effective January 6, 2004.

Ann M. Veneman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-113-1]

Availability of a Draft Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Commercial Citrus From Peru

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of the availability of a draft pest risk analysis that has been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to a proposed rule currently under consideration that would allow the importation of various types of fresh commercial citrus from Peru into the United States. We are making this draft pest risk analysis

available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 03-113-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03-113-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 03-113-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on the draft pest risk analysis in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Leah Millar, Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, PPQ, APHIS, 1017 Main Campus Drive, Suite 1550, Raleigh, NC 27606-5202; (919) 513-7045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is considering amending the fruits and vegetables regulations in 7 CFR part 319 to allow the importation of fresh commercial citrus fruit (grapefruit, Mandarin oranges or tangerines, sweet oranges, and tangelo) from Peru into the United States. Currently, citrus fruit from Peru may not be imported into the United States. We have prepared a draft pest risk analysis, entitled "Importation of Fresh Commercial Citrus Fruit: Grapefruit (*Citrus x paradisi* Macfad.); Lime (*C. aurantiifolia* [Christm.]

Swingle); Mandarin Orange or Tangerine (*C. reticulata* Blanco); Sweet Orange (*C. sinensis* [L.] Osbeck); Tangelo (*C. x tangelo* J.W. Ingram & H.E. Moore); from Peru into the United States (October 2003), that considers the pest risks associated with the importation of these types of fresh commercial citrus from Peru and identifies the appropriate phytosanitary measures to mitigate the risk of introduction of quarantine pests. We are making the draft pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

You may view the draft pest risk analysis on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/prd/> or in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice). You may also request a copy of the document by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

This notice solicits public comments on the draft pest risk analysis. We will also be making the draft pest risk analysis available for public comment again during the comment period for any proposed rule related to the importation of fresh commercial citrus from Peru.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450 and 7701-7772; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of January, 2004.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), certified a petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) that was filed on December 4, 2003, by the Organized Seafood Association of Alabama, Inc., Bayou La Batre, Alabama. Shrimpers and shrimp farmers in Alabama are now eligible to apply for program benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that increased imports of farmed shrimp contributed importantly

to a decline in the landed prices of shrimp in Alabama by 20.5 percent during January 2002 through December 2002, when compared with the previous 5-year average.

Shrimpers and shrimp farmers certified as eligible for TAA may apply to the Farm Service Agency for benefits through April 12, 2004. After submitting completed applications, producers shall receive technical assistance provided by the Extension Service at no cost and an adjustment assistance payment, if certain program criteria are met.

Producers of raw agricultural commodities wishing to learn more about TAA and how they may apply should contact the Department of Agriculture at the addresses provided below for General Administration.

Producers Certified as Eligible for TAA, Contact: Farm Service Agency service centers in Alabama.

For General Information About TAA, Contact: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, email: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

Dated: December 30, 2003.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), denied a petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) for shrimpers that was filed on November 18, 2003, by the Southeastern Fisheries Association, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that domestic producer prices for shrimp did not decline at least 20 percent during January 2002 through December 2002 when compared with the previous 5-year average, a condition required for certifying a petition for TAA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, email: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.