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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

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Proposal To Reestablish the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to reestablish the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing to reestablish the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards (Committee). The committee reviews official Universal Standards for American Upland cotton prepared by USDA and would make recommendations regarding the establishment or revision of the standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this action to Norma McDill, Deputy Administrator, Cotton Program, Agricultural Marketing Services, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0224, Room 2641-South, Washington, DC 20250-0224. Comments should be submitted in duplicate. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: www.cottoncomments@usda.gov. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2641-South, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. A copy of this action may be found at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cotton/rulemaking.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norma McDill, Deputy Administrator, Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, Stop 0224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0224, telephone 202-720-2145, facsimile 202-690-1718, or e-mail at norma.mcdill@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture is considering the reestablishment of the Advisory Committee, which would be composed of foreign and domestic representatives of the cotton industry. The purpose of the committee would be to review official Universal Standards for U.S. Upland cotton prepared by USDA and make recommendations regarding the establishment or revision of the standards established under the United States Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51 *et seq.*). The last Advisory Committee on Universal Standards was established June 19, 2000. The Advisory Committee's term ended in 2002.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, would be followed in all appointments to the committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the committee have taken into account the needs of diverse groups served by the Department, membership would include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Balanced committee membership would be attained domestically and internationally through the following Committee composition.

Representation by Domestic Industry

The U.S. cotton industry's committee membership would be comprised of 12 producers and ginner, 6 representative of merchandising firms, and 6 representatives of textile manufacturers. These representatives would be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Each member would have one vote. Accordingly, voting privileges will be divided as follows: (1) U.S. cotton producers and ginner—12 votes; (2) U.S. merchandising firms—6 votes; (3) U.S. textile manufacturers—6 votes.

Representation by Foreign Signatory Associations

There would be 2 committee members designated from each of the foreign

signatory associations. These committee members would be designated by the respective associations. Voting privileges would be divided as follows: (1) Foreign signatory merchant associations—6 votes; (2) Foreign signatory spinner associations—6 votes.

Domestic members selected for the committee shall serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem for attendance at the committee meeting.

A thirty-day comment period is provided for interested persons to comment on this action.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Regional Office

Administered Program Forms for the Child and Adult Care Food Program

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the public to comment on the proposed Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) forms which are used in the administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for sponsoring organizations whose participation in this program is administered directly by the FNS Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (FNS-MARO). This type of program is known as a Regional Office Administered Program (ROAP). FNS-MARO directly administers participation in the CACFP in Virginia.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Terry A. Hallberg, Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park