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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, One Hundred and Forty-Second Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and forty-second meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on October 13, 2004 in the Marriott Hotel, 7th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the World Food Prize events scheduled for October 14–15 in Des Moines.

The BIFAD will interact with Midwest representatives from the U.S. university, Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs), agribusiness and private sector communities along with international agriculture leaders from Africa and the Middle East. Themes will focus on building capacity for agriculture led growth, human and institutional capacity building, emerging issues in international development, and other items of general interest.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact John Swanson, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11–06, Washington DC, 20523–2110 or

telephone him at (202) 712–5602 or fax (202) 216–3010.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04–029N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on September 15, 2004, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Fourth Session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices, which will be held in Fortaleza, Brazil, October 11–15, 2004. The Under Secretary and CFSAN recognize the importance of providing interested parties with information about the Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and to address items on the Agenda for the 4th Session of the Task Force.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2004 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 1B–042 of the FDA Harvey Wiley Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland. To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW.,

Washington, DC 20250–3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net>.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 04–029N.

All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRDockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith E. Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization to facilitate fair international trade in food and protect the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementations by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled and packaged. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) manage and carry out U.S. Codex.