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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04–052N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Eleventh Session of the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene

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 (USDA), is sponsoring a public meeting on January 21, 2005, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Eleventh Session of the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene (CCMH). The 11th Session of the CCMH will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand, February 14–18, 2005. The Acting Under Secretary recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the agenda items that will be discussed at this forthcoming session of the CCMH.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2005 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 0161, South Agricultural Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 11th Session of the CCMH will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

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-ROMs, and hand- or courier-delivered

items: Send to the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20730. All comments received must include the Agency name and docket number 04–052N.

- All comments submitted in response to this notice 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/regulations/2005_Notices_Index.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 11TH SESSION OF THE CCMH CONTACT: U.S. Delegate, Perfecto Santiago, DVM, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Food Security and Emergency Preparedness, Room 3130, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250
perfecto.santiago@fsis.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Edith Kennard, Codex Committee Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700, Phone: (202) 720–5261, Fax: (202) 720–3157, e-mail: edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) 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 standard-setting organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene (CCMH) elaborates worldwide standards and/or codes of practice as

appropriate for meat hygiene. The Committee is chaired by New Zealand.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 11th Session of CCMH will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Matters referred from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.
2. Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the New Zealand Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (*see ADDRESSES*).

Public Meeting

At the January 21, 2005 public meeting, these agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate, for the 11th Session of the CCMH, Perfecto Santiago (*see ADDRESSES*). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 11th Session of the CCMH.

Additional Public Information

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>.

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FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

Done at Washington, DC on January 14, 2005.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Payette National Forest, ID; Proposed Grouse Creek Road Relocation

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of an environmental statement.

SUMMARY: In 2002, the USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, gave notice that the agency would prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the relocation of the existing Grouse Creek Road (Forest Service Road 50325). The road is located on the Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger district, Near the Secesh River and within the Crystal Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area. Because the new road would have been located in an inventoried roadless area, the Regional Forester was the Responsible Official. The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the June 21, 2002 **Federal Register** (67 FR 42230). Since that time, review of the proposed project by research scientists and other Forest Service specialists has determined that improvements to the existing road would cause fewer impacts to critical fish resources than relocating the road. The identified improvements can be accomplished using normal road maintenance practices, which do not require preparation of an EIS. Therefore, the planned EIS is not needed, and the NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Anderson, Environmental Coordinator, Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger District, P.O. Box 1026, McCall, ID 83638, or by phone at (208) 634-0400, by fax at (208) 634-0433, or by e-mail: danderson02@fs.fed.us.

Dated: January 7, 2005.

Jack G. Troyer,

Intermountain Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Sunshine Act; Meetings

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. FY 2005 Budget.
2. Administrative and other issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Results of the 2004 election and swearing in of new directors.
3. Selection of board officers.
4. Action on Minutes of the November 5, 2004, board meeting.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Discussion of duties and responsibilities of the board.
8. Privatization update.
9. Establish dates for 2005 board meetings.
10. Acknowledgment of service to the board.
11. Other business.
12. Governor's Remarks.
13. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Curtis Anderson,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 2-2005]

Foreign-Trade Zone 74—Baltimore, MD; Request for Voluntary Termination of Baltimore Marine Industries Subzone 74A

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Baltimore Development Corporation, on behalf of the City of Baltimore, Maryland, grantee of FTZ 74, requesting authority to terminate Subzone 74A at the shipbuilding facilities of Baltimore Marine Industries, Inc. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on January 7, 2005.

Subzone 74A was approved by the Board on March 14, 1985 (Board Order 290, 50 FR 13057; 4/2/85) as Bethlehem Steel Corporation and currently consists of 215 acres located on the lower east bank of the Patapsco River, on the west side of the Sparrows Point Peninsula, some 6 miles southeast of Baltimore.

The applicant is now requesting authority to terminate the subzone stating that Baltimore Marine Industries declared bankruptcy in 1999 and no longer has need for subzone status.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the following addresses below:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building-Suite 4100W, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions via U.S. Postal Service: Foreign Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB-4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is March 21, 2005. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 4, 2005.