

and the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), in order to be granted a certificate to import specialty sugar. The information is supplied to U.S. Customs officials in order to certify that the sugar being imported is "specialty sugar."

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information will be used to: (1) Determine whether applicants for the program meet the regulation's eligibility criteria; (2) ensure that sugar to be imported is specialty sugar and meets the requirements of the regulation; (3) audit participants' compliance with the regulation; and (4) prevent entry of world-priced program sugar from entering the domestic commercial market instead of domestic specialty sugar market. Without the collection of this information the Certifying Authority would not have any basis on which to make a decision on whether a certificate should be granted, and would not have the ability to monitor sugar imports under this program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 10.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agriculture Service

Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade and the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade; Reestablishment and Nominations

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary), in coordination with the United States Trade Representative (USTR), intends to reestablish the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) for Trade and the six existing Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees (ATAC) for Trade. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is requesting nominations for persons to serve on these seven committees.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by FAS before the close of business on March 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Nominations must be hand-delivered (including FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.) to the Legislative Affairs Office, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, Room 5929-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1001, Washington, DC 20250-1001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries or comments regarding the reestablishment of these committee also may be sent by electronic mail to LegAffairs@fas.usda.gov, or by fax to (202) 720-5936. The Legislative Affairs Office may be reached by telephone at (202) 720-7645, with inquiries directed to Joan Hurst.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The APAC and the ATACs are authorized by sections 135(c)(1) and (2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Pub. L. 93-618, 19 U.S.C. 2155). The purpose of these committees is to advise the Secretary and the USTR concerning agricultural trade policy. The committees are intended to ensure that representative elements of the private sector have an opportunity to express their views to the U.S. government.

Rechartering of Existing Committees

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act 5 U.S.C. App. II), FAS gives notice that the Secretary and the USTR intend to reestablish the APAC and the following six ATACs:

- Animals and Animal Products;
- Fruits and Vegetables;
- Grains, Feed, and Oilseeds;
- Processed Foods;
- Sweeteners and Sweetener Products;
- Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts, and Planting Seeds.

In 1974, Congress established a private sector advisory committee system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests. The private sector advisory committee system currently consists of three tiers:

- The President's Advisory Committee on Trade and Policy Negotiations;
- Five general policy advisory committees, including the APAC; and,
- Twenty-eight technical advisory committees, including the ATACs.

The establishment and renewal of such committees is in the public interest in connection with the duties of the USDA imposed by the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Committee Membership Information

- All committee members are appointed by the Secretary and the USTR, and serve at the discretion of the Secretary and the USTR.
- Committee size will be limited up to approximately 35 members each.
- All committee appointments will expire in two years, but the Secretary and the USTR may renew an appointment for one or more additional terms.
- All committee members must be U.S. citizens.
- To attend certain meetings, committee members must have a current security clearance or have submitted an application for a security clearance.
- Committee members serve without compensation; they are not reimbursed for their travel expenses.
- No person may serve on more than one USDA advisory committee at the same time.

General Committee Information

- Each committee has a chairperson, who is elected from the membership of that committee.
- Committees meet approximately four times per year, and all committee meetings are held in Washington, DC.
- Committee meetings will be open to the public, unless the USTR determines that a committee will be discussing issues that justify closing a meeting or portions of a meeting, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(c).
- Throughout the year, members are requested to review sensitive trade policy information via a secure Web site, and provide comments regarding trade negotiations.
- In addition to their other advisory responsibilities, at the conclusion of negotiations of any trade agreement, all committees are required to provide a report on each agreement to the President, Congress, and the USTR.

Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade

The APAC is composed of a broad spectrum of agricultural interests. The APAC provides advice concerning the following:

- Negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before the United States enters into a trade agreement;
- The operation of various U.S. trade agreements; and
- Other matters arising from the administration of U.S. trade policy.

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade

The ATACs provide advice and information regarding trade issues that affect both domestic and foreign

production in the commodities of the respective sector, drawing upon the technical competence and experience of the members. There will be six ATACs, one for each of the following sectors:

- Animals and Animal Products;
- Fruits and Vegetables;
- Grains, Feed, and Oilseeds;
- Processed Foods;
- Sweeteners and Sweetener

Products; and

- Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts, and Planting Seeds.

Nominations and Appointment of Members

Nominations for APAC and ATAC membership are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that the recommendations of the committees take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Members must have expertise and knowledge of agricultural trade as it relates to policy and commodity specific products. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association, or other entity has a right to membership on a committee. In making appointments, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation on the committees: representation from producers, farm and commodity organizations, processors, traders, and consumers. Geographical balance on each committee will also be sought.

Nominations: Nominating a person to serve on any of the committees requires submission of a current resume for the nominee and the following form:

- AD-755 (Advisory Committee Membership Background Information), available on the Internet at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/ad755.pdf>.

In addition, FAS encourages the submission of the optional form AD-1086 (Applicant for Advisory Committees Supplemental Sheet), available on the Internet at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/ad1086.pdf>. Forms may also be requested by sending an e-mail to LegAffairs@fas.usda.gov, or by phone at (202) 720-7645.

Foreign Firms: Persons who are employed by firms that are 50 percent plus one share foreign-owned must state the extent to which the organization or interest to be represented by the nominee is owned by non-U.S. citizens, organizations, or interests. If the nominee is to represent an entity or

corporation with 10 percent or greater non-U.S. ownership, the nominee must demonstrate at the time of nomination that this ownership interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as an advisor on the U.S. agriculture advisory committee for trade.

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A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, April 14, 2005. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 14, 2005 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Learning Room (back entrance), 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to lkolund@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Kolund, District Ranger, Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: February 22, 2005.

Olleke Rappe-Daniels,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its committee and board meetings to take place in Washington, DC from Monday through Wednesday, March 7-9, 2005 as noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, March 7, 2005

11 a.m.–Noon Ad Hoc Committee on Courthouse Access
1:30–4 p.m. Committee of the Whole—Strategic Plan—Closed
4–5 Ad Hoc Committee on Board Election Process

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

1:30–5 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee on Public Rights-of-Way—Closed

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

9–10 a.m. Planning and Budget Committee
10–11 Technical Programs Committee
11–Noon Executive Committee
1:30–3 p.m. Board Meeting

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Franklin Square Hotel, 815 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-0001 (voice) and (202) 272-0082 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

(a) Approval of the January 12, 2005 draft meeting minutes;

(b) Committee reports: Ad Hoc Committee on Courthouse Access; Ad Hoc Committee on Board Election Process; Planning and Budget Committee; Technical Programs Committee; Executive Committee; Committee of the Whole (Strategic Plan);

(c) Public rights-of-way guidelines (closed); and

(d) Election of officers.

This meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you plan to attend and require a sign language interpreter or similar accommodation, please make your request with the Board by March