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## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### Board of Directors Meeting

*Meeting:* African Development Foundation, Board of Directors Meeting.

*Time:* Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Place:* African Development Foundation, Conference Room, 1400 I Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

*Dates:* Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

*Status:*

1. Open session, Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 9 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.; and
2. Executive session, Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Due to security requirements and limited seating, all individuals wishing to attend the open session of the meeting must notify Doris Martin, General Counsel, at (202) 673-3916 or Michele M. Rivard at [mrivard@usadf.gov](mailto:mrivard@usadf.gov) of your request to attend by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009.

**Lloyd O. Pierson,**

*President.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2008-0042]

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and

the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on February 10, 2009. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 41st Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Shanghai, China, on March 16-20, 2009. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 41st Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the auditorium (Room 1A003), Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), 5100 Paint Branch Highway, College Park MD 20740. Documents related to the 41st Session of the CCFA are accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the CCFA, Dr. Dennis Keefe, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: [ccfa@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ccfa@fda.hhs.gov). *Registration:*

Attendees may register electronically to the same e-mail address above by February 6, 2009. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 41ST SESSION OF THE CCFA CONTACT:** Dennis Keefe, Office of Food Additive Safety (HFS-205), CFSAN, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. *Phone:* (301) 436-1284, *Fax:* (301) 436-2972, *e-mail:* [dennis.keefe@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:dennis.keefe@fda.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:** Doreen Chen-

Moulec, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4865, South Building, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20250. *Phone:* (202) 250-7760, *Fax:* (202) 720-3157, *e-mail:* [doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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 protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCFA was established to set or endorse maximum levels for individual food additives; prepare priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO and WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); assign functional classes to individual food additives; recommend specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by the Commission; consider methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and consider and elaborate standards or codes for related subjects such as the labeling of food additives when sold as such. The Committee is hosted by the People's Republic of China.

##### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 41st Session of the CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Bodies;
- Matters of Interest Arising from the FAO, WHO, and JECFA;
- Endorsement or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards;
- Consideration of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA);
- Discussion Paper on the Scope of Certain Food Categories of the GSFA;
- Discussion Paper on the Identification of Problems and