

Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, February 1–5, 2010. The Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety and the AMS recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 9th Session of the CCMMP and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 3074, South Agriculture Building, USDA, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 9th Session of the CCMMP will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 9th Session of the CCMMP, Duane R. Spomer, AMS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: Susan.Sausville@ams.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan M. Sausville, Chief, AMS, Dairy Standardization; Telephone: (202) 720-9382; Fax: (202) 720-2643; e-mail: Susan.Sausville@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 CCMMP was established to elaborate codes and standards for milk and milk products. The CCMMP is hosted by the Government of New Zealand.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 9th Session of the CCMMP will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Matters Referred by the Codex and other Codex committees and task forces.
2. Draft Amendment to the *Codex Standard for Fermented Milks* (CODEX STAN 243–2003) pertaining to drinks based on fermented milk.

3. Report of the working group on the proposed draft standard for processed cheese.

4. Maximum levels for annatto extracts in Codex standards for milk and milk products.

5. Report of the International Dairy Federation and the International Organization for Standardization Working Group on Methods of Analysis and Sampling for Milk and Milk Products.

6. Inconsistent presentation of food additive provisions in Codex standards for milk and milk products.

7. Consistency of the *Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products* with the *Generic Model Official Certificate (Annex to the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates.)*

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

Public Meeting

At the January 13, 2010 public meeting, draft United States positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Susan Sausville (see **ADDRESSES**.) Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 9th Session of the CCMMP.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009_Notices_Index/.

FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page,

FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 5, 2010.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in the membership of the Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB).

DATES: Effective January 8, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Office of General Counsel, (202) 261–7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, a performance review board (PRB). The PRB reviews initial performance ratings of members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and makes recommendations as to final annual performance ratings for senior executives. Because the CSB is a small independent Federal agency, the SES members of the CSB's PRB are drawn from other Federal agencies.

The Chairperson of the CSB has appointed the following individual to the CSB Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board:

PRB Member—Gary L. Halbert, General Counsel, National Transportation Safety Board.

Mr. Halbert replaces Curtis Bowling (Director of Environmental Readiness and Safety, Office of the Secretary of Defense/Chairman, Department of

Defense Explosives Safety Board). The service of Mr. Bowling on the PRB has come to a close. His appointment was originally announced in the **Federal Register** of November 15, 2007 (72 FR 64192).

William B. Wark (CSB Board Member) continues to serve as the Chair of the PRB, as announced in the **Federal Register** of November 15, 2007 (72 FR 64192). David Capozzi (Executive Director, United States Access Board) continues to serve as a Member of the PRB, as announced in the **Federal Register** of December 5, 2008 (73 FR 74138).

This notice is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: January 4, 2010.

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,
Attorney-Advisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XT56

Marine Mammals; File No. 14486

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), 301 Railway Avenue, PO Box 1329, Seward, Alaska 99664-1329 (Dr. Ian Dutton, Responsible Party), has applied in due form for a permit to receive, import, and export marine mammal specimens for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before February 8, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 14486 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. 14486 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore,
(301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The primary objective of this application is to support multiple ongoing research programs at the ASLC, including studies of population ecology, diet and nutrition, reproductive physiology, toxicology and health of marine mammals. The ASLC requests the annual collection, receipt, import and export of unlimited samples from 4000 individual cetaceans and 5,000 individual pinnipeds under NMFS jurisdiction for continued research on these species. Samples would be collected under existing permits in the countries of origin, would be the product of a legal subsistence hunt, incidental by-catch, routine husbandry/medical examinations of public display animals in the U.S., or opportunistic carcass collection, or would be samples taken under other permitted research activities. No takes of live animals, direct or indirect, are requested in this application. ASLC requests the permit be issued for five years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to

prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 4, 2010.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Statement

Medical Trade Mission to India:
March 8-13, 2010.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service is organizing a Medical Trade Mission to New Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai, India, March 8-13, 2010. The Medical Trade Mission to India will include representatives of U.S. medical/healthcare industry manufacturers (equipment and devices including laboratory, emergency, diagnostic, physiotherapy, and orthopedic equipment, and healthcare information technology) and service providers. The mission will introduce U.S. suppliers to prospective end-users and partners whose needs and capabilities are targeted to each U.S. participant's business objectives. The delegates will meet with Indian government officials to obtain first-hand information about regulations, policies and procedures and will visit healthcare facilities. The Commercial Service in India (CS India) will organize appointments and briefings in New Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai, India's major healthcare industry hubs. U.S. participants will have the opportunity to interact with U.S. Embassy and Consulate officials and CS India healthcare specialists to discuss industry developments, opportunities, and marketing strategies.

Medical Fair India, one of the largest medical tradeshows in India, coincides in time and location with the last stop of the Trade Mission. Trade Mission participants, therefore, can exhibit at the