

Nomination and Application Information for the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

The appointment of members to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the vacancies listed above to serve on the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Advisory Committee. To be considered for membership, nominees must:

1. Identify what expertise they would represent and how they are qualified to represent that skill;
2. State why they want to serve on the committee and what they can contribute;
3. Show their past experience in working successfully as part of a coordinating group; and
4. Complete form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

Letters of recommendation are welcome. Individuals may also nominate themselves. Form AD-755 may be obtained from Forest Service contact persons or from the following Web site: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/ad755.pdf. All nominations will be vetted by the Agency. The Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint committee members to the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Advisory Committee from the list of qualified applicants. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations via overnight mail or delivery to ensure timely receipt by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Non-Federal members of the Committee shall serve without pay as special government employees (SGEs), but will be reimbursed for reasonable costs incurred while performing duties on behalf of the Committee. SGEs will be subject to appropriate conflict of interest statutes and standards of ethical conduct. All SGE nominees who are selected must complete the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report before rendering any advice or prior to their first meeting. All members will be reviewed for conflict of interest pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208 in relation to specific Committee work charges. Financial disclosure updates will be required annually. Members must report any changes in financial holdings requiring additional disclosure. OGE 450 forms are available on-line at: http://www.usoge.gov/forms/form_450.aspx.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in

all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendation of the Committee has taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership includes, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

Dated: February 24, 2010.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Assistant Secretary of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2010-0002]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles

AGENCY: Office for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is sponsoring a public meeting on March 23, 2010. 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 26th session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Paris, France, April 12-16, 2010. The Office for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 26th Session of the CCGP and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010, from 1:30-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at USDA, Room 107-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1200 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 26th Session of the CCGP will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/current.jsp?lang=en>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 26th Session of the CCGP, Karen Stuck, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: uscodex@fsis.usda.gov.

Registration:

If you would like to participate in the public meeting for the 26th Session of the CCGP by teleconference, please use the following call in number and passcode:

Call In Number: 1-866-692-3158.

Passcode: 5986642.

For Further Information about the 26th Session of the CCGP Contact:

Barbara McNiff, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 690-4719, Fax: (202) 720-3157, E-mail: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

For Further Information about the Public Meeting Contact: Kenneth Lowery, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 690-4042, Fax: (202) 720-3157, E-mail:

Kenneth.Lowery@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The 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 CCGP deals with rules and procedures referred to it by the Codex including the establishment of principles which define the purpose and scope of the Codex and the nature of Codex standards. The development of mechanisms to address any economic impact statements is also the responsibility of the CCGP.

The CCGP is hosted by France.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 26th Session of the CCGP will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Draft Revised Code of Ethics for International Trade in Foods
- Proposal to amend the Guidelines to Chairpersons of Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces
- Review of the Risk Analysis Policies of Codex Committees
- Definition of the Term "Competent Authority"
- Proposed Amendment to the Terms of Reference of the Committee
- Discussion Paper on the Development of Joint Codex and World Organization for Animal Health Standards

- Discussion Paper on Co-Hosting of Codex Sessions
- Distribution of Documents and Length and Content of Reports
- Structure and Presentation of the Procedural Manual

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 copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the March 23, 2010, public meeting, draft U.S. 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 U.S. Delegate, Karen Stuck for the 26th Session of the CCGP (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 26th Session of the CCGP.

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/2010_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/e-mail_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 March 1, 2010.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2010-0007]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food

AGENCY: Office of Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on March 29, 2010. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions that will be discussed at the 4th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Izmir, Turkey, April 26-30, 2010. The Office of Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 4th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2010, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, Room 1A-001, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 4th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the CCCF, Dr. Nega Beru, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: Henry.Kim@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Register electronically to the same e-mail address above. 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, if known, 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 the security screening system.

If you would like to participate in the public meeting for the 4th session of the CCCF by telephone conference, please use the following call in number and passcode:

Call In Number: 1-866-859-5767.

Passcode: 2225276.

For Further Information about the 4th Session of the CCCF Contact: Dr. Henry Kim, Office of Food Safety, CFSAN, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-317), College Park, MD 20740, Phone: 301-436-2023, Fax: 301-436-2651, E-mail: Henry.Kim@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information about the Public Meeting Contact: Dr. Henry Kim, Office of Food Safety, CFSAN, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-317), College Park, MD 20740, Phone: 301-436-2023, Fax: 301-436-2651, E-mail: Henry.Kim@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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 CCCF establishes and endorses permitted maximum levels (MLs) for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; prepares a priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); considers methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; considers and elaborates standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and considers other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The Committee is chaired by the Netherlands.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 4th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting: