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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet March 29–31, 2010.

The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person identified in this notice.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3901, South Building, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0321, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting to include orientation is open to the public. On Monday, March 29,

2010, an orientation session for new members and interested incumbent members will be held from 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. (noon). The full Advisory Board will convene at 12 p.m. (noon) with introductory remarks by the Chair of the Advisory Board. There will be brief introductions of new Board members, incumbents, and guests followed by general Board business. Comments will be heard from a variety of distinguished leaders and experts, as well as officials and/or leaders from the four agencies in the USDA Research, Education, and Economics mission area. Speakers will provide information for the Board to consider while developing recommendations regarding enhancement of USDA research, extension, education, and economic programs for the protection of U.S. food, fiber, fuel and agricultural systems. USDA officials have been invited to provide brief remarks and welcome the new Board members. On Tuesday, March 30, 2010 a focus session on the topic of Food Security will begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesday, March 31, 2010, the meeting will reconvene at 8 a.m. to continue discussions on Food Security and draft preliminary recommendations. An opportunity for public comment will be offered at the end of each day. The Advisory Board Meeting will adjourn by 12:00 (noon) on Wednesday.

Written comments by attendees or other interested individuals will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Wednesday, April 14, 2010). All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

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Acting, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2010–0001]

Notice of Availability of a Draft Pest Risk Assessment on Honey Bees Imported from Australia

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an evaluation of the pest risks associated with the importation of honey bees from Australia. The draft pest risk assessment considers potential pest risks involved in the importation of honeybees into the United States from Australia after concerns that exotic honey bee pathogens or parasites may have been introduced into Australia. We are making the draft pest risk assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 14, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to (<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0001>) to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2010–0001, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2010–0001.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on the draft pest risk assessment in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to