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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Public Meeting of the Committee on Regulation

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, notice is hereby given that the Administrative Conference of the United States will host a public meeting of the Committee on Regulation of the Assembly of the Conference on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. to consider a report examining agency procedures for determining whether to preempt state law. To facilitate public participation, the Administrative Conference is inviting public comment on the report to be considered at the meeting, to be submitted in writing no later than October 14, 2010.

DATES: Meeting to be held October 19, 2010. Comments must be received by October 14, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Meeting to be held at Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036. Submit comments to either of the following:

(1) *E-mail:* Comments@acus.gov, with "Preemption" in the subject line; or

(2) *Mail:* Preemption Comments, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily F. Schleicher, Designated Federal Officer, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2080.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is charged with

developing recommendations for the improvement of Federal administrative procedures (5 U.S.C. 591). The objectives of these recommendations are to ensure that private rights may be fully protected and regulatory activities and other Federal responsibilities may be carried out expeditiously in the public interest, to promote more effective public participation and efficiency in the rulemaking process, to reduce unnecessary litigation in the regulatory process, to improve the use of science in the regulatory process, and to improve the effectiveness of laws applicable to the regulatory process.

The Conference has engaged a Professor of Law at New York University School of Law, Catherine M. Sharkey, to research and prepare a report regarding the best practices of federal agencies in obtaining input from state and local governments and other procedures for determining whether to preempt state law (the "Preemption Report"). A copy of the Preemption Report will be available at <http://www.acus.gov>. The Committee on Regulation has been tasked with reviewing this report and developing recommendations for consideration by the Assembly of the Conference.

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 19, 2010, the Committee on Regulation will hold a meeting to consider the Preemption Report and formulate appropriate recommendations in response thereto. This meeting will be open to the public and may end prior to 5 p.m. if business is concluded prior to that time. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person, subject to space limitations, and the Conference will also provide remote public access to the meeting.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting in person is asked to RSVP to Comments@acus.gov. Remote access information will be posted on the Conference's Web site, <http://www.acus.gov>, by no later than October 15, 2010, and will also be available by the same date by calling the phone number listed above. Members of the public who attend the Committee's meeting may be permitted to speak only at the discretion of the Committee Chair, with unanimous approval of the Committee. The Conference welcomes the attendance of the public and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or

special needs. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please inform the Designated Federal Officer no later than 7 days in advance of the meeting using the contact information provided above.

Members of the public may submit written comments on the report to either of the addresses listed above no later than October 14, 2010. All comments will be delivered to the Designated Federal Officer listed on this notice.

Dated: September 29, 2010.

Paul R. Verkuil,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2010-0032]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

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), Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on November 2, 2010. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions that will be discussed at the 42nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Kampala, Uganda, from November 29 through December 3, 2010. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 42nd session of the CCFH and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the USDA, Whitten Building,

1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 107-A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 42nd Session of the CCFH will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Call In Information:

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

Passcode: 5986642.

The U.S. Delegate to the 42nd Session of the CCFH, Ms. Jenny Scott, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address Jenny.Scott@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the 42nd Session of the CCFH Contact:

Barbara McNiff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4870, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 690-4719, Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact:

Jasmine Matthews, Program Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 690-1124, Jasmine.Matthews@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The 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 fair practices in the food trade.

The CCFH was established to draft basic provisions on food hygiene applicable to all food; to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse provisions on hygiene prepared by Codex commodity committees and contained in Codex codes of practice unless, in specific cases, the Codex has decided otherwise; to draft provisions on hygiene applicable to specific food items or food groups, whether coming within the terms of reference of a Codex commodity committee or not; to consider specific hygiene problems assigned to it by the Codex; to suggest and prioritize areas where there is a need for microbiological risk assessment at the international level; to develop questions to be addressed by the risk assessors; and, to consider microbiological risk management matters in relation to food hygiene, including food irradiation, and in relation to the risk assessment of FAO and WHO.

The CCFH is hosted by the United States of America.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 42nd Session of the CCFH will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees to the CCFH

- Matters Arising from the Work of FAO, WHO, and Other International Intergovernmental Organizations:

- (a) Progress Report on the Joint FAO and WHO Expert Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) and Related Matters

- (b) Information from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)

- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Control of *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella spp.* in Chicken Meat at Step 4.

- Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses in Food at Step 4.

- Proposed Draft Revision of the Recommended International Code of Hygienic Practice for Collecting, Processing, and Marketing of Natural Mineral Waters at Step 4.

- Proposed Draft Revision of the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods at Step 4.

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 November 2, 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 the U.S. Delegate for the 42nd Session of the CCFH, Jenny Scott (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 42nd Session of the CCFH.

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Done at Washington, DC, on September 28, 2010.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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