DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food Safety and Inspection Service
[Docket No. FSIS–2010–0043]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

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), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), are sponsoring a public meeting on February 9, 2011. 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 32nd session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Budapest, Hungary March 7–11, 2011. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 32nd session of the CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at FDA, Harvey Wiley Building, Room 2B047, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 32nd session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp.

Gregory Diachenko, U.S. Delegate to the 32nd session of the CCMAS, and the FDA, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: Gregory.Diachenko@fda.hhs.gov.

Call In Number:
If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 32nd session of the CCMAS by conference call, please use the following call in number and participant code listed below.

Call in Number: 1–866–859–5767.
Participant code: 2225276.

For further information about the 32nd session of the CCMAS contact:
Gregory Diachenko, PhD, Director, Division of Product Manufacture and Use Office of Premarket Approval, CFSAN, FDA, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740–3835, Phone: (301) 436–2387, Fax: (301) 436–2364, E-mail: Gregory.Diachenko@fda.hhs.gov.

For further information about the public meeting contact:
Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 690–4795, Fax: (202) 412–7901, E-mail: Marie.Maratos@fsis.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 CCMAS is responsible for defining the criteria appropriate to Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling; serving as a coordinating body for Codex with other international groups working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality assurance systems for laboratories; specifying the basis of final recommendations submitted to it by other bodies; considering, amending, and endorsing methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (Commodity) Committees, except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of microbiological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives, do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee; elaborating sampling plans and procedures; considering specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by Codex or any of its Committees; and defining procedures, protocols, guidelines or related texts for the assessment of food laboratory proficiency, as well as quality assurance systems for laboratories.

The Committee is hosted by Hungary.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 32nd session of the CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting:

• Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex and Other Codex Committees
• Draft Revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty
• Endorsement of Methods of Analysis Provisions in Codex Standards
• Guidance on Procedures for Conformity Assessment and Resolution of Disputes
• Use of Proprietary Methods in Codex Standards
• Report of an Inter-Agency Meeting on Methods of Analysis

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 February 9, 2011, 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 32nd session of the CCMAS, Greg Diachenko (see ADDRESSES). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 32nd session of the CCMAS.

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Done at Washington, DC, on January 12, 2011.

Karen Stuck,
U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Qualified Products List for Engine Driven Pumps

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Qualified Products List for Engine Driven Pumps. DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before March 21, 2011 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Victoria (Tory) Henderson, Branch Director, Equipment and Chemicals, Forest Service, USDA, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to: thenderson@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), Jack Wilson Building, Boise, ID during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 208–387–5512 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Gonzales or Sam Wu, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 909–599–1267. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Qualified Products List for Engine Driven Pumps. OMB Number: 0596–New. Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable. Type of Request: New. Abstract: The Forest Service needs to have available adequate types and quantities of self-contained engine driven pumps to accomplish fire management activities safely, efficiently, and effectively. To accomplish this objective, the Agency needs to evaluate and pre-approve commercial pumps that meet three following categories: Engine Driven Pumps, Lightweight Portable Pumps, and Portable Floating Pumps.

Engine driven pumps are defined as portable pumps which consist of a gasoline engine, centrifugal or positive displacement pump, and engine controls which weigh between 60–400 lbs. Lightweight portable pumps are “back packable” positive displacement or centrifugal pumps that use a gasoline engine which weigh up to sixty pounds. Floating portable pumps are self-priming and float on the water during operation.

Products must meet specification standards identified and maintained by the Forest Service’s San Dimas Technology and Development Center (SDTDC) for size, performance, and other assembly requirements. These requirements include pump pressure and flow ranges, priming and drafting performance parameters, and weight and sound levels.

The information collected is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the activities on lands managed by the Forest Service, Federal, and State Cooperators. Employees of SDTDC consider the following requirements when determining product effectiveness for use by Forest Service employees and Federal cooperators:

1. Pump performance. These performance requirements include pump pressure and flow ranges, priming and drafting performance parameters, and weight and sound levels.

2. Reliability and endurance requirements. These requirements include a 100-hour endurance test and evaluation of the properties of materials used in construction.

3. Quality and refurbishment standards. The construction and assembly processes are evaluated to ensure that the pumps are robust, field serviceable, and can be refurbished and reissued.

4. Compatibility and interchangeability requirements. The engine driven pumps must be compatible with standard wildland fire hoses and other water handling appliances. Threads, physical dimensions, and markings are inspected to assure proper interface controls.

To evaluate portable pump products, SDTDC must collect product specific information from manufacturers. This information includes a qualification sample or any special tools to operate the pump; certificate of conformance for the material composition and properties of materials used in the construction and assembly of the pump; and user’s manuals.

The information collected is necessary to ensure pumps are properly evaluated to meet specific requirements related to safety, effectiveness, efficiency, and reliability of the product prior to use in the field. If this information is not collected and pumps are not evaluated on an on-going basis, wildland fire fighters lives could be placed in danger using untested portable pumps during live fire management activities.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 3 hours. Type of Respondents: Businesses (Manufacturers of portable pumps). Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 45 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the