

ACTION: Notice of adjusted dollar limitations.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the dollar limitations on the amount of meat and meat food products, poultry and poultry products that a retail store can sell to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions without disqualifying itself for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. In accordance with FSIS's regulations, for calendar year 2011, the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products is being increased from \$60,200 to \$61,900 but for poultry products will remain at \$50,200. FSIS is retaining or changing the dollar limitations from calendar year 2010 based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: Effective Date: This notice is effective April 8, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact John O'Connell, Policy Issuances Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 6083 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 720-0345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*) provide a comprehensive statutory framework to ensure that meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products prepared for commerce are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. Statutory provisions requiring inspection of the preparation or processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products do not apply to the types of operations traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants when those operations are conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in normal retail quantities (21 U.S.C. 661(c)(2) and 454(c)(2)). FSIS's regulations (9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d)) elaborate on the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations involving the preparation or processing of meat, meat food, poultry, and poultry products.

Sales to Hotels, Restaurants, and Similar Institutions

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions (other than household consumers) disqualify a store for

exemption if the product sales exceed either of two maximum limits: 25 percent of the dollar value of total product sales or the calendar year dollar limitation set by the Administrator. The dollar limitation is adjusted automatically during the first quarter of the year if the Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows an increase or decrease of more than \$500 in the price of the same volume of product for the previous year. FSIS publishes a notice of the adjusted dollar limitations in the **Federal Register**. (See 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b).)

The CPI for 2010 reveals an annual average price increase for meat and meat food products at 2.84 percent and an annual average price decrease for poultry products at 0.12 percent. When rounded to the nearest \$100, the price for meat and meat food products increased by \$1,700 and the price for poultry products decreased by \$100. Because the price of meat and meat food products increased by more than \$500, and because the price of poultry products did not decrease by more than \$500, FSIS is increasing the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions to \$61,900 for meat and meat food products and is retaining it at \$50,200 for poultry products for calendar year 2011, in accordance with 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b).

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Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC, on April 5, 2011.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2011-0007]

Codex Alimentarius Commission:
Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

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), is sponsoring a public meeting on June 16, 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 34th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, July 4–9, 2011. The Under Secretary for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 34th session of the CAC and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 34th session of the CAC will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Karen Stuck, U.S. Codex Manager, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: uscodex@fsis.usda.gov.

Call-In Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 34th session of the CAC by conference call, please use call-in number and participant code listed below:

Call-in Number: 1-888-858-2144.

Participant Code: 6208658.

For Further Information About the 34th Session of the CAC Contact: Karen Stuck, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, telephone: (202) 205-7760, fax: (202) 720-3157, e-mail: uscodex@fsis.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Barbara McNiff, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, telephone: (202) 690-4719, fax: (202) 720-3157, e-mail: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The CAC 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 implementation by governments, Codex seeks to:

- (a) Protect the health of the consumers and ensure fair practices in food trade;
- (b) Promote coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non governmental organizations;

(c) Determine priorities and initiate and guide the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations;

(d) Finalize standards elaborated under (c) above and publish them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or worldwide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies under (b) above, wherever this is practicable;

(e) Amend published standards, as appropriate, in the light of new developments.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 34th session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Report by the Chairperson on the 65th session of the Executive Committee
- Reports of the FAO/WHO

Coordinating Committees and Appointment of Regional Coordinators

- Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual
- Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual

• Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure)

- Comments on Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5
- Revocation of Existing Codex Standards and Related Texts

• Amendments to Codex Standards and Related Texts

• Proposals for the Elaboration of New Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work

• Matters referred to the CAC by Codex Committees and Task Forces

- Financial and Budgetary Matters
- Strategic Planning of the CAC
- Relations between the CAC and other International Organizations

• Matters arising from the FAO and the WHO

(a) FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex

(b) Other Matters arising from the FAO and the WHO

- Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, and other Members of the Executive Committee

• Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces and Schedule of Sessions 2012–2013

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 34th session of the CAC 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. Codex Manager for the 34th session of CAC. (See **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 34th session of the CAC.

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Done at Washington, DC on March 30, 2011.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Final Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI and National Park Service, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of availability

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Forest Service (FS), with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service (NPS) as cooperating agencies, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project and a Proposed Management Plan Amendment (PMPA) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and by this notice is announcing its availability.

DATES: BLM planning regulations state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM's PMPA/FEIS. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project FEIS/PMPA for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders. Copies of the FEIS/PMPA are available for public inspection at the following BLM offices: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Headquarters, 190 E. Center Street, Kanab, UT; Kanab Field Office, 318 N 100 E, Kanab, UT; Utah State Office, 440 W 200 S, Salt Lake City, UT. Interested persons may also download and/or review the FEIS/PMPA on the Internet at <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/dixie/projects>.

All protests related to the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument PMPA must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

Regular mail	Overnight mail
BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, DC 20035.	BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 20 M Street, SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Tropic to Hatch 138kV Transmission Line Project EIS Project Leader, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84720 or; Matthew Betenson, Assistant Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Manager—Planning and Support Services, 190 E Center, Kanab, Utah 84741/phone (435) 644-4309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/PMPA evaluates the environmental effects of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line proposed by Garkane Energy Cooperative in Garfield County, Utah, on lands currently managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Dixie National Forest; U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration; and potentially the National Park Service, Bryce Canyon National Park. The transmission line would be approximately 30 miles long, beginning in Tropic, Utah and extending west to Hatch, Utah.

Associated Federal actions include Dixie National Forest issuance of a special use easement, Bureau of Land Management issuance of a right-of-way, proposed amendment to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan and issuance of a right-of-way, potential Bryce Canyon National Park issuance of a special park permit for a right-of-way, and Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration issuance of a right-of-way for construction and operation of the project. The Preferred Alternative in the FEIS/PMPA would amend the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan (2000) by: (a) Designating a 300-foot wide Passage Zone along an approximate three and three-quarter mile path through an area currently designated as Primitive Zone in the Monument Management Plan, and (b) changing the existing VRM Class designation from Class II to Class III within this linear area. The plan amendment decisions would be necessary to accommodate the potential new transmission line.

Comments on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS Plan Amendment were received from

the public and from internal interagency governmental review. These comments were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the FEIS/PMPA. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change the FEIS/PMPA. This final document is expected to be used in conjunction with the Draft EIS published in December 2009. The two documents, together, make up the FEIS/PMPA for the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the FEIS/PMPA may be found in the "Dear Reader Letter" of the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line FEIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests