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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0400]

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2011-0014]

Approaches to Reducing Sodium Consumption; Establishment of Dockets; Request for Comments, Data, and Information; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS; Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period for the submission of comments, data, and information.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) are extending the comment period to January 27, 2012, for the notice entitled “Approaches to Reducing Sodium Consumption; Establishment of Dockets; Request for Comments, Data, and Information,” that appeared in the *Federal Register* of September 15, 2011 (76 FR 57050). In that notice, FDA and FSIS requested comments on research, data, and other information that will better inform both Agencies about current and emerging practices by the private sector regarding sodium reduction in foods; current consumer understanding of the role of sodium in hypertension and other chronic illnesses; sodium consumption practices; motivation and barriers in reducing sodium in consumers’ food intakes; and issues associated with the development of targets for sodium reduction in foods to promote reduction in excess sodium intake. FDA and FSIS are extending the comment period in

response to a request from an industry association for additional time to allow interested persons to submit comments.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments and data and information by January 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: *FDA:* Submit electronic comments and data and information to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments and data and information to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All submissions must include the Agency name and the docket number FDA-2011-N-0400.

FSIS: Submit electronic comments and data and information to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments and data and information to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, FSIS Docket Room, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Patriots Plaza III, Mailstop 3782, rm. 163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All submissions must include the Agency name and the docket number FSIS-2011-0014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

FDA: Richard E. Bonnette, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-255), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740-3835, (240) 402-1235.

FSIS: Rosalyn Murphy-Jenkins, Director, Labeling and Program Delivery Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, FSIS, OPPD, LPDD Stop Code 3784, Patriots Plaza III, 8-161A, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the *Federal Register* of September 15, 2011 (76 FR 57050), FDA and FSIS published a notice entitled “Approaches to Reducing Sodium Consumption; Establishment of Dockets; Request for Comments, Data, and Information.” In this notice, FDA and FSIS requested comments, research, data, and other information that will better inform both Agencies about current and emerging practices by the private sector regarding sodium reduction; current consumer understanding of the role of sodium in

hypertension and other chronic illnesses; sodium consumption practices; motivation and barriers in reducing sodium in consumers’ food intakes; and issues associated with the development of targets for sodium reduction in foods to promote reduction in excess sodium intake. The notice provided a 75-day comment period, thereby establishing November 29, 2011, as the deadline for the submission of comments, data, and information.

On November 4, 2011, FDA and FSIS received a request from an industry association for an extension of the comment period until January 27, 2012. The request conveyed the concern that the current 75-day comment period does not allow sufficient time to collect responsive information and data and prepare it for submission to the Agencies.

FDA and FSIS have considered the request and are extending the comment period for the notice entitled “Approaches to Reducing Sodium Consumption; Establishment of Dockets; Request for Comments, Data, and Information” until January 27, 2012. FDA and FSIS believe that the extension provides adequate time for interested persons to submit comments.

II. Request for Comments

FDA: Interested persons may submit to FDA’s Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**) either electronic or written comments regarding this document. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. It is no longer necessary to send two copies of mailed comments. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FSIS: Interested persons may submit to FSIS’s Docket Clerk (see **ADDRESSES**) either electronic or written comments regarding this document. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because two docket numbers are associated with this document, please include with your comments the docket number that corresponds with the appropriate Agency. Comments

submitted for inclusion in both dockets should be submitted separately to each identified docket number to ensure consideration by both Agencies.

Dated: November 22, 2011.

Leslie Kux,

Acting Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Food and Drug Administration.

Dated: November 23, 2011.

Alfred V. Almanza,

Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine State Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a planning meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee to the Commission (Committee) will convene by conference call at 9:30 a.m. (EST) on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: (800) 399-0013; the conference call access code number 31521613. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-(800) 877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and contact name Ivy Davis.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by January 14, 2012. Comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office (ERO), U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20425 or emailed to

ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact ERO by email at *ero@usccr.gov* or by telephone at (202) 376-7533.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of the Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact ERO at the above telephone number, email or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, November 23, 2011.

Peter Minarik,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC): Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is announcing a recruitment for new candidates to serve on the Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC) to advise the Department and other agency officials on: (i) The identification of emerging technologies and research and development activities that may be of interest from a dual-use perspective; (ii) the prioritization of new and existing controls to determine which are of greatest impact; (iii) the potential impact of dual-use export control requirements on research activities; and (iv) the threat to national security posed by unauthorized export technologies.

BIS will consider resumes from accomplished individuals with scientific and technical training actively engaged in research and technology development in industrial and university settings across all fields. Submissions are especially sought from persons with significant involvement in leading edge research and/or

development-manufacturing activity in biological sciences (particularly bio electronics and synthetic biology), chemical engineering, directed energy, materials, space technologies (including satellite systems). The purpose of this recruitment is to fill current and future vacancies on the committee.

DATES: To respond to the recruitment notice, please send a copy of your resume to the individual identified under the **ADDRESSES** heading. This Notice of Recruitment expires on January 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit their resume to Ms. Yvette Springer at yvette.springer@bis.doc.gov—or mail their resume to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 1093, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Crawford, Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE), Bureau of Industry and Security, telephone (202) 482-4933, or *email: mark.crawford@bis.doc.gov*; or

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC) serves as a technical advisory committee to the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) since September 2008. It operates under the terms of section 5(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (EAA), 50 U.S.C. 1701-1707 (2007), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. app. 2 (2005). ETRAC is an important vehicle for gathering necessary data as part of the Department's efforts to ensure that export controls continue to apply to sensitive items and keep pace with technological and research innovation without stifling U.S. competitiveness.

BIS's decision to establish the ETRAC drew on three sources: Public comments submitted to BIS in 2007 regarding the Commerce Control List (CCL); the report issued by the Deemed Export Advisory Committee (DEAC), a Federal advisory committee charged with making recommendations to the Secretary regarding BIS's deemed export policy; and a Presidential directive calling for BIS to regularly reassess and update the CCL.