

of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH).

- Proposed Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the CCRVDF.
- Draft Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 7).
- Proposed Draft MRLs for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 3).

• Proposed Amendments to the Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the CCRVDF.

• Proposed Revision of Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the CCRVDF and the Risk Assessment Policy for the Setting of Maximum Limits for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods.

• Proposed Draft Sampling Plans for Residue Control for Aquatic Animal Products and Derived Edible Products of Aquatic Origin.

• Proposed Draft Guidelines on Performance Characteristics for Multi-Residue Methods.

• Draft Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-Evaluation by JECFA.

• Database on Need for MRLs for Developing Countries.

• Risk Management

Recommendations for the Veterinary Drugs for Which No Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) or MRL has been Recommended by JECFA Due to Specific Human Health Concerns.

• Discussion Paper on the Policy for the Establishment of MRLs or Other Limits in Honey.

• Discussion Paper on the Extrapolation of MRLs to Additional Species and Tissues.

• Other Business and Future Work.

• CCRVDF Current Problems and Solutions.

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 these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the April 23, 2012, 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 20th Session of the CCRVDF, Kevin Greenlees (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 20th Session of the CCRVDF.

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Done at Washington, DC, on March 19, 2012.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0010]

Nominations for Membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership to fill 16 vacancies on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF).

NACMCF is seeking members with scientific expertise in the fields of epidemiology, food technology, microbiology (food, clinical, and predictive), toxicology, risk assessment, infectious disease, biostatistics, and other related sciences. NACMCF is seeking applications from persons from academia, industry, consumer groups, State governments, and the Federal Government, as well as all other interested persons with such expertise.

Please note that federally registered lobbyists cannot be considered for USDA advisory committee membership. Members can only serve on one USDA advisory committee at a time. All nominees will undergo a USDA background check.

Members who are not Federal government employees will be appointed to serve as non-compensated special government employees (SGEs). SGEs will be subject to appropriate conflict of interest statutes and standards of ethical conduct.

To receive consideration for serving on the NACMCF, a nominee must submit a resume and USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755. The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include educational background, expertise, and a list of select publications. For submissions received that are more than five one-sided pages in length, only the first five pages will be reviewed. USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755 is available online at: <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf>.

DATES: Nominations including a cover letter to the Secretary, and the nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background

Information form AD-755 must be received by April 23, 2012. Self nominations are welcome.

ADDRESSES: Nomination packages including a cover letter to the Secretary accompanied by a resume and AD-755 form can be sent by mail to: Tom Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Attn: National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Thomas-Sharp, Advisory Committee Specialist, by telephone at 202-690-6620 or by email karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site (<http://www.regulations.gov>) provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

Mail, including CD-ROMS: Send to Docket Clerk, USDA, FSIS Docket Room, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Hand- or courier-delivered items: Deliver to the Docket Clerk, USDA, FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E. Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2012-0010. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E. Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in March 1988, in response to a recommendation in a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection, Subcommittee on Microbiological Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of

Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The current charter for the NACMCF and other information about the Committee are available for viewing to the public on the FSIS Web site at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_Fsis/NACMCF/index.asp.

The Committee provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed. For example, the Committee assists in the development of criteria for microorganisms that indicate whether food has been processed using good manufacturing practices.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that recommendations made by the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department.

Given the complexity of issues, the full Committee expects to meet at least once a year by teleconference or in-person, and the meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The subcommittees will meet as deemed necessary by the chairperson and will be held as working group meetings in an open public forum. Subcommittees also may meet through teleconference or by computer-based conferencing (Webinars). Subcommittees may invite technical experts to present information for consideration by the subcommittee. The subcommittee meetings will not be announced in the **Federal Register**. FSIS will announce the agenda and subcommittee working group meetings through the Constituent Update, available online at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_events/Constituent_Update/index.asp.

NACMCF holds subcommittee meetings in order to accomplish the work of NACMCF; all subcommittee work is reviewed and approved during a public meeting of the full Committee, as announced in the **Federal Register**. All data and records available to the full Committee are expected to be available to the public when the full Committee reviews and approves the work of the subcommittee.

Advisory Committee members have a two-year term, renewable for two consecutive terms. Members are expected to attend all in-person meetings for the smooth functioning of this advisory committee. However, the Advisory Committee realizes that unexpected events or extenuating circumstances (e.g., a personal or family

emergency) may result in a member's inability to attend an in-person meeting and that attendance through teleconferencing may be necessary. Some meetings may be held through teleconferencing and or Webinars exclusively.

Members must be prepared to work outside of scheduled Committee and subcommittee meetings and may be required to assist in document preparation. Committee members serve on a voluntary basis; however, travel expenses and per diem reimbursement are available.

Regarding Nominees Who Are Selected

All SGE and Federal government employee nominees who are selected must complete the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report before rendering any advice or prior to their first meeting. All members will be reviewed for conflict of interest pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208 in relation to specific NACMCF work charges. Financial disclosure updates will be required annually. Members must report any changes in financial holdings requiring additional disclosure. OGE 450 forms are available on-line at: <http://www.oge.gov/Financial-Disclosure/Confidential-Financial-Disclosure-450/OGE-Form-450/>.

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Done at Washington, DC, on March 19, 2012.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Northeast Region Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Individual Transfer Quota (ITQ) Administration.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0240.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 170.

Average Hours per Response: Application to shuck at sea, 30 minutes; individual transferable quota (ITQ) allocation or cage tag transfer, 5 minutes.

Burden Hours: 33.

Needs and Uses: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northeast Region manages the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Northeastern United States through the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog

Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council prepared the FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The regulations implementing the FMP are specified at 50 CFR part 648.70.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at § 648.74 and § 648.75 form the basis for this collection of information. NMFS Northeast Region requests information from Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog ITQ allocation holders in order to process and track requests from the allocation holders to transfer quota allocation to another entity. The region also requests information from Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog permit holders in order to track and properly account for Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog harvest that is shucked at sea. Because there is not a standard conversion factor for estimating unshucked product from shucked product, NMFS requires vessels that choose to shuck product at sea to carry on board the vessel a NMFS-approved observer to certify the amount of Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog harvested. This information, upon receipt, results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of fisheries of the Northeastern U.S. EEZ.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *Jjessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: March 16, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Population Survey, June Fertility Supplement.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0610.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 500.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 minute.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of this request for review is to obtain clearance for the supplemental inquiry concerning fertility to be conducted biennially in conjunction with the June Current Population Survey (CPS).

The 2012 Fertility Supplement will ask fertility questions and questions on marital and cohabitation status of females 15-50 years of age. The new questions on marital and cohabitation status will provide additional information about mothers' living arrangements at the time of the first birth. The June Fertility Supplements, June 2010 and 2008, both asked women about the birth of the last child, which differ from the June 1998 and the June 1995 supplements because they only included fertility items. The 1998 supplement contained fertility and birth expectations items. The 1995 supplement contained fertility and marital history items.

The data collected from this supplement are used primarily by government and private analysts to project future population growth, to analyze childbearing patterns, and to assist policymakers in making decisions that are affected by changes in family size and composition. Past studies have documented profound changes to historical patterns that have occurred in fertility rates, family structures, premarital births, and the timing of the first birth. The data collected from the new questions on marital and cohabitation status will be used by government and private analysts to analyze mother's living situations at the time of the first birth; the data will also fill a need for information that is not available in other Census Bureau surveys.

The CPS characteristics, such as family income, household relationships,