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DEPARTMENT *COM020*OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0053]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

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), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), is sponsoring a public meeting on January 24, 2013. 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 20th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, February 18-22, 2013. The Under Secretary for Food Safety recognizes the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 20th Session of the CCFICS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013, from 2:00-4:00 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 20th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://>

www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.

Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate to the 20th Session of the CCFICS invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov.

Call-In Number:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 20th Session of the CCFICS by conference call, please use the call in number and participant code listed below.

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

Participant Code: 6208658

For Further Information About the 20th Session of the CCFICS Contact: Mary Stanley, Director, International Policy Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, USDA, Room 2925, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720-0287, Fax: (202) 720-4929, Email: Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Kenneth Lowery, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 690-4042, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: Kenneth.Lowery@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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 CCFICS Committee is responsible for

(a) Developing principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems with a view to harmonizing methods and procedures which protect the health of consumers, ensure fair trading practices, and facilitate international trade in foodstuffs

(b) Developing principles and guidelines for the application of measures by the competent authorities of exporting and importing countries to

provide assurance where necessary that foodstuffs comply with requirements, especially statutory health requirements

(c) Developing guidelines for the utilization, as and when appropriate, of quality assurance systems to ensure that foodstuffs conform with requirements and promoting the recognition of these systems in facilitating trade in food products under bilateral/multilateral arrangements by countries

(d) Developing guidelines and criteria with respect to format, declarations and language of such official certificates as countries may require with a view towards international harmonization

(e) Making recommendations for information exchange in relation to food import/export control

(f) Consulting as necessary with other international groups working on matters related to food inspection and certification systems

(g) Considering other matters assigned to it by Codex in relation to food inspection and certification systems

The Committee is hosted by Australia.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 20th Session of the CCFICS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the CCFICS by Codex and other Codex Committees and Task Forces

- Activities of the FAO and WHO relevant to the work of the CCFICS
- Activities of other international organizations relevant to the work of the CCFICS

- Draft and proposed draft principles and guidelines for national food control systems

- Discussion paper on burden of multiple questionnaires directed at exporting countries

- Discussion paper on monitoring regulatory performance of national food control systems

- Discussion paper on the need for further guidance on food safety emergencies and on the analysis of proposed change to the CCFICS texts on emergencies and rejections to address feed

- Other business and future work

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 January 24, 2013, 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 Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate for the 20th Session of the CCFICS (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 20th Session of the CCFICS.

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Done at Washington, DC on: December 21, 2012.

MaryFrances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

In the Matter of: Boniface U. Ibe, 11202 Trevor Court, Mitchellville, MD 20721

Order Denying Export Privileges

On July 11, 2011, in the U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, Boniface U. Ibe ("Ibe") was convicted of violating Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778 (2000)) ("AECA") and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* (2000)) ("IEEPA"). Specifically, Ibe was convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting, causing to be exported, and attempting to export from the United States to Nigeria, defense articles included on the United States Munitions List, namely, firearms and ammunition, without having first obtained from the Department of State a license for such export or written authorization for such export, in violation of AECA. Ibe was also convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting, causing to be exported, and attempting to export from the United States to Nigeria shotguns without having first obtained a validated export license from the United States Department of Commerce, in violation of IEEPA. Ibe was sentenced to five months in prison followed by 10 months of supervised release. Ibe is also listed on the U.S. Department of State Debarred List.

Section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR" or "Regulations")¹ provides, in pertinent part, that "[t]he Director of the Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Export

¹The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (2012). The Regulations issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) ("EAA"). Since August 21, 2001, the EAA has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of August 15, 2012 (77 FR 49699 (Aug. 16, 2012)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.* (2000)).

Enforcement, may deny the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of a violation of the [Export Administration Act ("EAA")], the EAR, or any order, license or authorization issued thereunder; any regulation, license, or order issued under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706); 18 U.S.C. 793, 794 or 798; section 4(b) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 783(b)), or section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778)." 15 CFR 766.25(a); see also Section 11(h) of the EAA, 50 U.S.C. app. § 2410(h). The denial of export privileges under this provision may be for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the conviction. 15 CFR 766.25(d); see also 50 U.S.C. app. § 2410(h). In addition, Section 750.8 of the Regulations states that the Bureau of Industry and Security's Office of Exporter Services may revoke any Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS") licenses previously issued in which the person had an interest in at the time of his conviction.

I have received notice of Ibe's conviction for violating AECA and IEEPA, and have provided notice and an opportunity for Ibe to make a written submission to BIS, as provided in Section 766.25 of the Regulations. I have not received a submission from Ibe. Based upon my review and consultations with BIS's Office of Export Enforcement, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny Ibe's export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 10 years from the date of Ibe's conviction. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act or Regulations in which Ibe had an interest at the time of his conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby

Ordered

I. Until July 11, 2021, Boniface U. Ibe, with a last known address at: 11202 Trevor Court, Mitchellville, MD 20721, and when acting for or on behalf of Ibe, his representatives, assigns, agents or employees (the "Denied Person"), may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise