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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0052]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Ad Hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding

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 Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on January 17, 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 7th Session of the Ad Hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding (AFTF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Berne, Switzerland, February 4–8, 2013. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 7th Session of the AFTF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 17, 2013, from 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 7th Session of the AFTF will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the

following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>

Dr. Daniel McChesney, U.S. Delegate to the 7th Session of the AFTF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address Daniel.McChesney@fda.hhs.gov and uscodex@fsis.usda.gov.

Call-In Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 7th session of the AFTF 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 7th Session of the AFTF Contact: Dr. Daniel G. McChesney, Director, Office of Surveillance and Compliance, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, 7529 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855 Phone: (240) 453–6830, Fax: (240) 453–6880, Email:

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For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Doreen Chen-Moulec, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157, E-mail: uscodex@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 that fair practices are used in trade.

The AFTF is responsible for:

(a) The development of guidelines, intended for governments on how to apply the existing Codex risk assessment methodologies to the various types of hazards related to contaminants/residues in feed ingredients, including feed additives used in feeding stuffs for food producing animals. The guidelines should include specific science-based risk assessment criteria to apply to feed

contaminants/residues. These criteria should be consistent with existing Codex methodologies.

The guidelines should also consider the need to address the establishment of rates of transfer and accumulation from feed to edible tissues in animal-derived products according to the characteristics of the hazard.

The guidelines should be drawn up in such a way as to enable countries to prioritize and assess risks based upon local conditions, use, exposure of animals and the impact, if any, on human health.

(b) Develop a prioritized list of hazards in feed ingredients and feed additives for governmental use. The list should contain hazards of international relevance that are reasonably likely to occur, and are thus likely to warrant future attention.

In doing so, due consideration should be given to the prioritized list of hazards as recommended by the FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Animal Feed Impact on Food Safety. Clear criteria should be used to prioritize the list of hazards and take account of the potential transfer of contaminants/residues in feed to edible animal products (e.g. meat, fish meat, milk and eggs).

The Committee is hosted by Switzerland.

Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 7th Session of the AFTF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the AFTF by Codex and other Codex committees and task forces
- Report on activities of FAO, WHO and other international intergovernmental organizations
- Draft guidelines on application of risk assessment for feed
- Proposed draft guidance for use by governments in prioritizing the national feed hazards

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 17, 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 Daniel McChesney, U.S. Delegate for the 7th Session of the AFTF (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 7th Session of the AFTF.

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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

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1875]

Reorganization/Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 8 Under Alternative Site Framework; Toledo, OH

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 8, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B-49-2012, docketed 7/12/2012) for authority to reorganize and expand the zone under the ASF with a service area of Sandusky, Henry, Wood, Lucas and Defiance Counties, Ohio, in and adjacent to the Toledo-Sandusky Customs and Border Protection port of entry, FTZ 8's existing Sites 1, 2, 4 and 5 would be categorized as magnet sites and Sites 7 and 8 as usage-driven sites, Site 3 would be removed from the zone and the grantee proposes an additional subzone (Subzone 8L) under the ASF;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 43048, 7/23/2012) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize and expand FTZ 8 under the alternative site framework is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone, to a five-year ASF sunset provision for magnet sites that would terminate authority for Sites 2, 4 and 5

if not activated by December 31, 2017, and to three-year ASF sunset provisions for subzone/usage-driven sites that would terminate authority for Sites 7 and 8 as well as each site of Subzone 8L if no foreign-status merchandise is admitted for a *bona fide* customs purpose by December 31, 2015.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of December 2012.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

ATTEST: _____

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1876]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 32 Under Alternative Site Framework; Miami, FL

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Greater Miami Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 32, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B-51-2012, docketed July 13, 2012; amended October 9, 2012) for authority to reorganize under the ASF with a service area that includes a portion of Miami-Dade County, Florida, within the Miami Customs and Border Protection port of entry, FTZ 32's existing Site 1 would be categorized as a magnet site, Site 2 would be removed from the zone, and Sites 3 and 4 would be categorized as usage-driven sites;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 43048-43049, 7/23/2012) and the application, as amended, has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendation of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal, as amended, is in the public interest;