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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0050]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Importation and Transportation of Meat and Poultry Products

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request an extension of an approved information collection regarding the importation and transportation of meat and poultry products. This information collection is due to expire.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 25, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

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

- *Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E. Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2012-0050. 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 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

*For Additional Information:* Contact John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; phone: (202) 720-0345.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Importation and Exportation of Meat and Poultry Products.

*OMB Control No.:* 0583-0094.

*Expiration Date:* 3/31/13.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an approved information collection.

*Abstract:* FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53) as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products and Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). FSIS protects the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and correctly labeled.

FSIS is planning to request an extension of this approved information collection because it is due to expire on March 31, 2013.

Unless accounted for in an establishment's HACCP plan, meat and poultry products not marked with the mark of inspection and shipped from one official establishment to another for further processing must be transported under USDA seal to prevent such unmarked product from entering into commerce (9 CFR 325.5). To track product shipped under seal, FSIS requires shipping establishments to complete FSIS Form 7350-1 that identifies the type, amount, and weight of the product.

Foreign countries exporting meat and poultry products to the United States must establish eligibility for importation

of product into the U.S., and annually certify that their inspection systems are "equivalent to" the U.S. inspection system (9 CFR 327.2 and 381.196). Additionally, meat and poultry products intended for import into the U.S. must be accompanied by a certificate, signed by an official of the foreign government, stating that the products have been produced by certified foreign establishments (9 CFR 327.2 and 381.197).

Maintenance of eligibility of a country for importation of products into the U.S. depends on the results of periodic reviews of each establishment listed in the certification (9 CFR 327.2 and 381.196). A written report must be prepared by the representative of the foreign government documenting the findings with respect to the effective operation of the system.

Meat and poultry products exported to the U.S. must be accompanied by a certificate signed by a responsible official of the exporting country (9 CFR 327.4 and 381.197).

Import establishments that wish to pre-stamp imported product with the inspection legend prior to FSIS inspection must submit a letter to FSIS requesting approval to do so (9 CFR 327.10(d) and 381.204).

FSIS has made the following estimates on the basis of an information collection assessment.

*Estimate of Burden:* FSIS estimates that it takes each respondent an average of 20.9 hours per year to complete the forms and documents described above.

*Respondents:* Importers, establishments, foreign governments.

*Estimated No. of Respondents:* 136.

*Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 650.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,846 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; phone: (202) 720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed

collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent both to FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

Responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Email\\_Subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Email_Subscription/). Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on: January 11, 2013.

**Alfred V. Almanza,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0055]

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

**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 Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), are sponsoring a public meeting on February 5, 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 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Langkawi, Malaysia, February 25-March 1, 2013. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 23rd Session of the CCFO and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at FDA, CFSAN, Harvey Wiley Building, Room 1A-002, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 23rd Session of the CCFO will be accessible

via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Martin J. Stutsman, U.S. Delegate to the 23rd Session of the CCFO, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address:

[Martin.Stutsman@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Martin.Stutsman@fda.hhs.gov).

#### Call-In Number:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 23rd Session of the CCFO 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 23RD SESSION OF THE CCFO CONTACT:

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[Martin.Stutsman@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Martin.Stutsman@fda.hhs.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:

Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: +1(202) 205-7760, Fax: +1(202) 720-3157, Email: [Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 the food trade.

The CCFO is responsible for elaborating worldwide standards for fats and oils of animal, vegetable, and marine origin including margarine and olive oil.

The Committee is hosted by Malaysia.

##### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 23rd Session of the CCFO will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees
- Proposed Draft Standard for Fish Oils
- Proposed Draft Amendment to Parameters for Rice Bran Oil in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils