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The CCSCCH is responsible for elaborating worldwide standards for spices and culinary herbs in their dried and dehydrated state in whole ground, and cracked or crushed form, consulting as necessary, with other international organizations in the standards development process to avoid duplication.

The Committee is hosted by India.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 1st session of CCSCCH will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces
- Activities of International Organizations relevant to the Work of CCSCCH
- Work Management modalities of the CCSCCH
- Mechanisms for prioritization of the work
- Proposals for New Work (replies to CL 2013/22–SCH)
- 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 or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the January 23, 2014 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. contacts for the 1st session of CCSCCH, (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 1st session of CCSCCH.

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interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. In 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/wps/portal/fsis/programs-and-services/email-subscription-service>. 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.

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Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2013-0049]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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 Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), are sponsoring a public meeting

to take place on January 30, 2014. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Bangkok, Thailand, from February 24–28, 2014. The Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety and AMS recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 18th Session of CCFFV and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 18th session of CCFFV will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Dorian Lafond, U.S. Delegate to the 18th session of CCFFV, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: dorian.lafond@usda.gov.

Call-in Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 18th session of CCFFV by conference call, please use the call-in number and participant code listed below:

Call-in Number: 1-888-844-9904.

Participant code: 512-6092.

For Further Information About the 18th Session of CCFFV Contact: Dorian Lafond, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruits and Vegetables Division, Stop 0235, Room 2086, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0235; Telephone: (202) 690-4944, Fax: (202) 720-0016, Email: dorian.lafond@usda.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Kenneth Lowery, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone: (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 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 CCFV is responsible for elaborating worldwide standards and codes of practice as may be appropriate for fresh fruits and vegetables; consulting with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards in the elaboration of worldwide standards and codes of practice with particular regard to ensuring that there is no duplication of standards or codes of practice and that they follow the same broad format; consulting as necessary with other international organizations that are active in the area of standardization of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Committee is hosted by Mexico.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 18th session of CCFV will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees
- Matters arising from other international organizations on the standardization of fresh fruits and vegetables
- UNECE standards for fresh fruits and vegetables
- Draft Codex Standard for Golden Passion Fruit (at Step 7)
- Proposed Draft Codex Standard for Durian (at Step 4)
- Proposed Draft Codex Standard for Okra (at Step 4)
- Review of the maturity requirements in the Codex Standard for Table Grapes
- Proposal for New Work on a Codex Standard for Ware Potato
- Proposal for New Work on Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- Review of the Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- Proposed layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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Secretariat prior to the Committee meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Amended Designation for Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designation of Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. Sioux City's geographical territory is amended to include the part of the area previously designated to Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont).

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Eric J. Jabs, Chief, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, QADB, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric J. Jabs, 816-659-8408 or Eric.J.Jabs@usda.gov.

Read Applications: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the August 20, 2013 **Federal Register** Notice (78 FR 51138), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in a geographic area formerly serviced by Fremont. Applications were due by September 19, 2013.

Sioux City was the sole applicant for designation to provide official services in this area. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation