2008 USDA implemented OCCS through AMS via agreements with State Agencies, to make the program more accessible by using FSA county offices as a sign up option for applicants. USDA shifted jurisdiction of the program from AMS to FSA. FSA will now administer and coordinate the program through agreements with interested States and also provide cost share payments directly to eligible producers and handlers for eligible expenses. The general scope of OCCS, as implemented previously by AMS, is unchanged.

The purpose of OCCS is to provide cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products in obtaining USDA organic certification, or transitional certification. FSA’s jurisdiction over the program and the minor, discretionary changes to the program (that is, two options for payment receipt and coverage for transitional certifications) are administrative in nature. The discretionary aspects of the program (for example, program eligibility, calculation of cost share payments, etc.) were effectively designed by AMS and are not proposed to be substantively changed herein. As such, the Categorical Exclusions in 7 CFR part 799.31 apply, specifically 7 CFR 799.31(b)(b)(c)(c) (that is, financial assistance to supplement income). No Extraordinary Circumstances (7 CFR 799.33) exist. As such, FSA has determined that this NOFA does not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, individually or cumulatively. Therefore, FSA will not prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement for this regulatory action.

Val Dolcini,
Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Nominations Open for the Vacancies on the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.


SUMMARY: FNS is seeking nominations for 9 vacancies on the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition (Council). The Council is composed of 24 members. Members of the Council from outside USDA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are appointed for 3-year terms. State and local officials may serve only during their official tenure. Parent participants are appointed for 2-year terms. Members appointed from USDA and HHS serve at the pleasure of their respective Secretaries.

The Council studies the operation of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and related programs such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Categories of membership are specified by law. To ensure a balance of differing views, Council members are drawn from Federal, State and local governments, industry, and organizations with a common interest in the management of WIC and CSFP, including parent participants in both programs. The vacant positions include:

State CSFP Director

The individual responsible for administering the CSFP at the State level. Has operational knowledge about all aspects of CSFP management.

State WIC Program Fiscal Director

The individual responsible for the administration and monitoring of WIC grants at the State and local levels. This includes monitoring compliance of State and local budgets and expenditures with fiscal policies and procedures.

Local WIC Program Project Director in an Urban Area

The individual responsible for implementing Federal and State policy guidelines and administering the WIC Program at the local level in an urban area. Has operational knowledge about all aspects of the WIC Program, including policy, grants management, accounting systems, and computer systems.

Local CSFP Project Director

The individual responsible for administering the CSFP at the local level. Has operational knowledge about all aspects of CSFP management.

CSFP Parent Participant

A pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding woman, or the parent/guardian of an infant and/or child participating in CSFP.

Pediatrician

A physician specializing in the development, care and diseases of children.

Obstetrician

A physician specializing in obstetrics, i.e., the care of women during and after pregnancy.

Expert in Alcohol Education and Prevention

An individual experienced in alcohol abuse education and prevention, especially in the areas of screening, counseling and referring for treatment of pregnant and postpartum women.

Expert in Breastfeeding Promotion

An individual who has education and training in the skills and techniques of breastfeeding.

Section 17(k) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786), mandates the Council and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint its members. The White House Liaison Office is responsible for vetting every candidate who applies for membership to the Council. In order to be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to serve on a board, council or committee, each applicant must clear all stages of the vetting process. Vetting is a comprehensive personal and professional background investigation that specifically includes, but is not limited to, an analysis of each candidate’s criminal history, bankruptcy filings, liens and judgments, affiliations and associations, lobbyist status, and prior involvement with USDA.

This process is used to ensure that the finest candidates are selected to represent the interests of the United States Department of Agriculture. Individuals and organizations who wish to nominate experts for this or any other USDA advisory committee should submit a letter to the Secretary listing these individuals’ names and business address, phone, and email contact information. These individuals may be contacted now or in the future to determine their interest in serving as a committee member.

Candidates who wish to be considered for membership on the Council should submit a USDA “Application for Advisory Committee Membership” (Form AD—755) application form and resume to the Secretary of Agriculture. Cover letters should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture. All nomination materials should be mailed in a single, complete package and postmarked by January 23, 2017 to: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400
Independence Avenue SW.,
Washington, DC, 20250 at the attention of Robin Young, DFO, USDA/FNS/ SFPD. The application form and more information about advisory committees can be found at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=advisorycommittees.xml.

FNS has special interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and individuals with disabilities are adequately represented on these advisory committees. We encourage and welcome nominations for qualified candidates.


Audrey Rowe,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission Telephonic Business Meeting.

DATES: Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Meeting to take place by telephone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Walch, Director of Communications and Public Engagement, at (202) 376–8371 or publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public, by telephone only.

Participant Access Instructions: Dial in 5–10 minutes prior to the start time using the Participant phone number and Conference Passcode below.

Conference ID: 8072815.


Persons with hearing impairments, please contact the above for how to access the Federal Relay Service for the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Vote on Chair

- Vote on President Obama’s nomination of Catherine E. Lhamon to serve as Chair of the United States Commission on Civil Rights

III. Other Business

IV. Adjourn Meeting

Dated: December 20, 2016.

Brian Walch,
Director of Public Affairs, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee; Correction

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Commission on Civil Rights published a notice in the Federal Register of September 22, 2016, concerning a meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee. The notice is revised to provide further details about specific meeting dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara de La Viez, (202) 376–7533.

Correction

In the Federal Register of Maryland, in FR Doc. 2016–22851, on page 65335–65336, correct the first paragraph to read:

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 12:30 p.m. (EST) on Friday, January 13, 2017. The purpose of the planning meeting is to vote on a project proposal for the Committee to study the civil rights issues related to bail bonds and municipal fines in Maryland and discuss future project planning.

Dated: December 16, 2016.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[9–570–979]

Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2014–2015

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules (“solar cells”), from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). The period of review (“POR”) is December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015. The administrative review covers two mandatory respondents: (1) Canadian Solar International Limited, which we have preliminarily treated as a single entity with five affiliated companies identified below, and (2) the collapsed entity Trina Solar, consisting of Changzhou Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd. and Trina Solar (Changzhou) Science & Technology Co., Ltd., which we have preliminarily continued to treat as a single entity with five additional affiliated companies identified below. The Department preliminarily finds that both mandatory respondents sold subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value (“NV”) during the POR. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Pedersen, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order is crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, and modules, laminates, and panels, consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not partially or fully assembled into other products, including, but not limited to, modules, laminates, panels and building integrated materials.1 Merchandise

1For a complete description of the scope of the order, see “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary