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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

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

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on March 25, 2020. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 25th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, April 27–May 1, 2020. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 25th Session of the CCFICS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), South Building, Room 104–A, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 25th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=25>. Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate to the 25th Session of the CCFICS, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: mary.stanley@usda.gov.

Call in number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 25th Session of the CCFICS by conference call, please register by March 18, 2020 by emailing kristen.hendricks@usda.gov.

Registration: Attendees can register to attend the public meeting in person by emailing kristen.hendricks@usda.gov by March 18, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the public meeting please contact Kristen Hendricks, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4865, South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 720–2137, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov.

For specific questions about the 25th session of CCFICS, contact Mary Stanley, Senior Advisor, Office of International Coordination, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 3151, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720–0287, Fax: (202) 690–3856, Email: Mary.Stanley@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 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 that 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 to promote 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; and

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

The CCFICS is hosted by Australia, and the meeting is attended by the United States as a member country of the Codex Alimentarius.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 25th Session of the CCFICS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies
 - Information on activities of FAO and WHO and other International Organizations relevant to the work of CCFICS
 - Draft Principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary Third Party Assurance (vTPA) programmes
 - Proposed draft Guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (revision of the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates—CXG 38–2001)
 - Proposed draft guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS)
 - Proposed draft consolidated Codex Guidelines related to equivalence
 - Discussion paper on role of CCFICS with respect to tackling food fraud in the context of food safety and fair practices in food trade
 - Review and update of Appendix A—the list of emerging global emerging issues
 - Other Business
 - Date and Place of Next Session
 - Adoption of the Report
- Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed by the Codex Secretariat before the Committee

meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents from the U.S. Codex Office or on the internet (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the March 25, 2020 public meeting, the 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. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 25th Session of the CCFICS.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the USDA Codex web page located at: <http://www.usda.gov/codex>, a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Done at Washington, DC.

Mary Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: 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 meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call, at 11:30 a.m. (EDT) Thursday, April 2, 2020. The purpose of the planning meeting is to discuss the draft report of the Committee's civil rights project on the DC Mental Health Court.

DATES: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. (EDT).

Public Call-In Information:

Conference call number: 1-877-260-1479 and conference call ID number: 1929821.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy L. Davis, at ero@usccr.gov or by phone at 202-376-7533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call number: 1-877-260-1479 and conference call ID number: 1929821. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator may ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number herein.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call number: 1-877-260-1479 and conference call ID number: 1929821.

Members of the public are invited to make statements during the Public Comments section of the meeting or to submit written comments. The

comments must be received in the regional office by Monday, May 4, 2020. Comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425 or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at 202-376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at: <https://gsageo.force.com/FACA/FACAPublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t0000001gzlKAAQ>. Please click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone numbers, email or street address.

Agenda

Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. (EDT)

Rollcall

Welcome and

Planning Meeting

—discuss proposed report draft

Other Business

Next Planning Meeting

Public Comments

Adjourn

Dated: February 28, 2020.

David Mussatt,

Supervisor Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Census Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Bureau of the Census (Director) (Census Bureau) is seeking nominations for the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (CSAC). The purpose of the CSAC is to provide advice to the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of Census