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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02–035N]

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

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are sponsoring two public meetings. The first meeting will be held on October 22, 2002, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to review agenda items and receive comments in preparation for developing draft U.S. positions, and the second will be held on November 20, 2002, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to provide information and receive public comments on the U.S. draft positions for agenda items that will be discussed at the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) which will be held in Adelaide, Australia, December 2–6, 2002. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties with information on the Eleventh Session of CCFICS and to address items on the Agenda.

DATES: The public meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2002 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, November 20, 2002 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held in the Auditorium of the Harvey E. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy, College Park, MD (green line College Park Metro stop).

To receive copies of the documents referenced in the notice contact the FSIS Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700. The documents will also become accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Clerk and reference Docket # 02–035N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. William James, Acting Director, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. 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 ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and the Environmental Protection Agency manage and carry out U.S. Codex.

The Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems was established to develop principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems to facilitate trade through harmonization and to supply safe and quality foods to consumers. Included in the charge to the Committee is application of measures by competent authorities to provide assurances that foods comply with essential requirements. Recognition of quality assurance systems through the

development of guidelines will help ensure that foods conform to the essential requirements. The Government of Australia is hosting this activity.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meetings

The following issues will be discussed during the public meetings:

- Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems.
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Exchange of Information of Food Control Emergency Situations.
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Utilization and Promotion of Quality Assurance Systems to meet Requirements in Relation to Food.
- Traceability in the Context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems.

Additional Public Notification

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the Constituent Update Listserv" link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done at Washington, DC on September 26, 2002.

Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Meeting of the Land Between The Lakes Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Land Between The Lakes Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2002. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) Welcome/Introductions/Agenda
- (2) Update on "Respect the Resources" Program
- (3) School Groups and Other Environmental Education Happenings
- (4) Discussion of Comments Received
- (5) Land & Resource Management Planning: Milestones of Phase I
- (6) Upcoming Speaking Engagements
- (7) Focus Groups

The meeting is open to the public. Written comments are invited and may be mailed to: William P. Lisowsky, Area Supervisor, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211. Written comments must be received at Land Between The Lakes by October 17, 2002, in order for copies to be provided to the members at the meeting. Board members will review written comments received, and at their request, oral clarification may be requested at a future meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2002, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., CDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Gilbertsville, Kentucky, and will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Byers, Advisory Board Liaison, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211, 270-924-2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

William P. Lisowsky,

Area Supervisor, Land Between The Lakes.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include: Animal Mortality Facility; Aquaculture Ponds; Bedding; Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Areas; Fence; Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment; Irrigation Canal or Lateral; Irrigation Field Ditch; Irrigation System, Sprinkler; Irrigation System, Surface, and Subsurface; Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Plain Concrete; Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Galvanized Steel; Mole Drain; Range Planting; and Surface Drainage, Field Ditch. These standards are used to convey national guidance in developing Field Office Technical Guide Standards used in the States and the Pacific Basin and Caribbean Areas. NRCS State Conservationists and Directors for the Pacific Basin and Caribbean Areas who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States/Areas will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide. These practices may be used in resource management systems that treat highly erodible land, or on land determined to be wetland.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments will be received on or before November 1, 2002. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS-CED in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries and return any comments in writing to William Hughey, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Post

Office Box 2890, Room 6139-S, Washington, DC. 20013-2890. The telephone number is (202) 720-5023. The standards are also available, and can be downloaded from the Internet at: http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/practice_stds.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available, for public review and comment, proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 30 days, NRCS will receive comments on the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 20, 2002.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: October 8, 2002; 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

PLACE: Museum of Television and Radio, 465 N. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6))