

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 900.0704846.

Estimated annual number of responses: 204,316.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 408,288 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All 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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of January 2012.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2011-0113]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Special Need Requests Under the Plant Protection Act

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations to allow States to impose prohibitions or restrictions on specific articles in addition to those required by APHIS to help protect against the introduction and establishment of plant pests.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 3, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0113-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2011-0113, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket

may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/>

#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0113 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on special need requests under the Plant Protection Act, contact Ms. Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Program Manager, EDP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 160, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-7228. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Special Need Request Under the Plant Protection Act.

OMB Number: 0579-0291.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which administers regulations to implement the PPA. Regulations governing the interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles are contained in 7 CFR part 301, "Domestic Quarantine Notices."

The regulations in "Subpart-Preemption and Special Need Requests" allow States or political subdivisions of States to request approval from APHIS to impose prohibitions or restrictions on the movement in interstate commerce of specific articles that pose a plant health risk that are in addition to the prohibitions and restrictions imposed by APHIS. This process requires information collection activities, including a pest data detection survey with a pest risk analysis showing that a pest is not present in a State, or, if already present, the current distribution in the State, and that the pest would harm or injure the environment and/or agricultural resources of the State or political subdivision.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to

approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 160 hours per response.

Respondents: State Governments.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 160 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All 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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of January 2012.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0002]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food

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), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on February 23, 2012. 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 6th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands, March 26–30, 2012. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 6th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, Room 3B–047, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 6th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the World Wide web at <http://www.codexalimentarius.org>.

Nega Beru, U.S. Delegate to the 6th Session of the CCCF, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register electronically at the same email address provided above by February 18, 2012. The meeting will be held in a Federal building; therefore, early registration is encouraged as it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. You should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Attendees that are not able to attend the meeting in-person but wish to participate may do so by phone.

Call-In Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 6th Session of the CCCF 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 6th Session of the CCCF Contact: Henry Kim, Ph.D., Office of Food Safety,

CFSAN/FDA, HFS–317, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, telephone: (240) 402–2023, fax: (301) 436–2651, email: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Henry Kim, Ph.D., Office of Food Safety, CFSAN/FDA, HFS–317, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, telephone: (301) 436–2023, fax: (301) 436–2651, email: henry.kim@fda.hhs.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 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 CCCF establishes or endorses permitted maximum levels, and where necessary revises existing guideline levels for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; prepares priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); considers and elaborates methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; considers and elaborates standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and considers other matters assigned to it by Codex in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The Committee is chaired by The Netherlands.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 6th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the CCCF by Codex and other Codex Committees/Task Forces.
- Revision of the Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) and the CCCF as to Their Separation from the CCFA and Their Applicability to Feed.
- Revision of the Code of Practice for Source Directed Measures to Reduce Contamination of Food with Chemicals as to Their Applicability to Feed.

- Matters of Interest Arising from FAO and WHO (including JECFA).

- Matters of Interest Arising from other International Organizations—International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

- Draft Maximum Levels for Melamine in Food (liquid infant formula).

- Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Arsenic in Rice.

- Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Deoxynivalenol (DON) and its Acetylated Derivatives in Cereals and Cereal-Based Products.

- Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Total Aflatoxins in Dried Figs including Sampling Plans.

- Editorial Amendments to the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods and Feeds (GSCTFF).

- Discussion Paper on Pyrrolizidine Alkaloids in Food and Feed.

- Discussion Paper on Maximum Levels for Lead in Various Foods in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed and the Related Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Foods and the Code of Practice for Source Directed Measure to Reduce Contamination of Foods with Chemicals.

- Discussion Paper on Mycotoxins in Sorghum.

- Discussion Paper on Ochratoxin A in Cocoa.

- Discussion Paper on Guidance for Risk Management Options in Light of Different Risk Assessment Options.

- Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by the JECFA.

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 copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the February 23, 2012, 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 Dr. Henry Kim for the 6th Session of the CCCF (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 6th Session of the CCCF.

Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC on: January 27, 2012.

Doreen Chen-Moule,

U.S. office for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0001]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

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), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on February 13, 2012. 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 44th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Hangzhou, China March 12-16, 2012. USDA and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 44th Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Rooms 1A-001 and 1A-002, FDA, Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 44th Session of the CCFA will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 44th Session of the CCFA, Dennis Keefe, and FDA, invite interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: cfsan-ccfa@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register electronically at the same email address provided above by February 8, 2012. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. Attendees that are

not able to attend the meeting in-person but wish to participate may do so by phone. Those wishing to participate by phone should request the call-in number and conference code when they register for the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 44TH SESSION OF THE CCFA CONTACT:

Dennis M. Keefe, Ph.D., Director, Office of Food Additive Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition CFSAN/FDA, HFS-205, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (240) 402-1200, Fax: (301) 436-2972, email: dennis.keefe@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:

Jannavi R. Srinivasan, Ph.D., Chemistry Reviewer, Division of Biotech and GRAS Notice Review, Office of Food Additive Safety CFSAN/FDA HFS-255, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, telephone: (240) 402-1199, fax: (301) 436-2965, email: jannavi.srinivasan@fda.hhs.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 implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCFA establishes or endorses permitted maximum levels for individual additives; prepares priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); assigns functional classes to individual food additives; recommends specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by Codex; considers methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and considers and elaborates standards or codes for related subjects such as labeling of food additives when sold as such. The CCFA is hosted by China.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 44th Session of the CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by Codex and other Codex Committees and Task Forces (CX/FA 12/44/2)
- Draft risk analysis principles applied by the CCFA (CX/FA 12/44/3)