

# Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 65, No. 41

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. ST-00-001]

#### Plant Variety Protection Board; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Plant Variety Protection Board.

**DATES:** March 23, 2000, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the George Washington Carver Center, 5602 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland, 20705.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Marie Thro, Commissioner, Plant Variety Protection Office, Science & Technology, AMS, USDA. Address: Room 500, National Agricultural Library Building, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705-2351, (301) 504-5518 or -7475, or fax: (301) 504-5291.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463 5 U.S.C. App.), this notice is given concerning a Plant Variety Protection Board meeting. The Board is constituted under section 7 of the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2327).

The proposed agenda for the meeting will include discussions of: Plant Variety Protection Office Application Process, Plant Variety Protection Office Progress Report, and other related topics. Written comments may be submitted to the contact person listed above before or after the meeting.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

**Kathleen A. Merrigan,**  
*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

#### Tentative Agenda

Plant Variety Protection Board Meeting, March 23, 2000. USDA/AMS/S&T/PVPO—George Washington Carver Center, 5602 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland, 20705.

#### Call to Order

Ann Marie Thro, Commissioner, PVPO Introductions

William J. Franks, Jr., Deputy Administrator, AMS/S&T

#### Opening Remarks

Kathleen A. Merrigan, Administrator, AMS Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of 1999 Minutes

Introduction for new Board members to the Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) and the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO)

Senior Examining Staff, PVPO PVPO Progress report

Ann Marie Thro, Commissioner, PVPO Appeals to the Secretary of Agriculture (if any)

Ann Marie Thro, Commissioner, PVPO Topics brought forward by Board Members PVPO Board Members

#### Meeting summary

Ann Marie Thro, Commission, PVPO Adjourn

[FR Doc. 00-4904 Filed 2-29-00; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-02-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-004N]

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00N-0597]

#### Codex Alimentarius: Meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development: Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group on Food Safety

**AGENCIES:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Food Safety, and the Food Safety and Inspection

Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on March 22, 2000, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Fourteenth Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles, April 10-14, 2000, and to provide information and receive public comments on papers submitted and issues to be discussed at the Second Session of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ad Hoc Group on Food Safety, scheduled for March 27-28, 2000. Both groups are scheduled to meet in Paris, France. The co-sponsors of the March 22nd public meeting recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the General Principles Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), and the Ad Hoc Task Force on Food Safety of the OECD, and to address issues coming before those bodies.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2000, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Comments must be received by April 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the Madison Room, Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, Massachusetts Avenue and 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005. Copies of the documents listed in the notice will be available for inspection at the office of 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, or the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. The Codex documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: [http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/economic/esn/codex/ccgp15/gp00\\_01e.htm](http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/economic/esn/codex/ccgp15/gp00_01e.htm). Copies of the United States' submission to the OECD compendium of national food safety systems will be available on the Internet at <http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fs-toc.html> on approximately March 1, 2000. Send an original and two copies of comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #00-004N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety