

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Research Service****Department of Health and Human Services****Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: Meeting**

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: Announcement of appointment; Notice of meeting; Opportunity to provide written comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (a) announce the appointment of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee to review the 1995 edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, (b) provide notice of the first meeting of the Committee, and (c) solicit written comments.

DATES: (1) The Committee will meet on September 28 and 29, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the first day, and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second day (2) Written comments on the guidelines may be submitted by 5 p.m. e.d.t. on September 14, 1998, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to this meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shanthi Bowman, Ph.D., USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, 4700 River Road, Unit 89, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-5640; Carole Davis, M.S., R.D., USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 1120 20th St., NW, Suite 200 North Lobby, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 418-2312; or Kathryn McMurry, M.S. or Linda Meyers, Ph.D., HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, Room 738-G, 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 205-4872.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee**

The eleven-member Committee appointed by the Secretaries of the two

Departments is chaired by Cutberto Garza, M.D., Ph.D., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Other members are Richard J. Deckelbaum, M.D., Columbia University, New York, New York; Johanna T. Dwyer, D.Sc., R.D., Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts; Scott M. Grundy, M.D., Ph.D., University of Texas, Dallas, Texas; Rachel K. Johnson, Ph.D., R.D., University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont; Shiriki K. Kumanyika, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Alice H. Lichtenstein, D.Sc., Tufts University Center for Aging, Boston, Massachusetts; Suzanne P. Murphy, Ph.D., R.D., University of California, Davis, California; Meir J. Stampfer, M.D., Dr.P.H., Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Lesley Fels Tinker, Ph.D., R.D., University of Washington, Seattle, Washington; Roland L. Weinsier, M.D., Dr.P.H., University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama.

Committee's Task

The appointment of the Committee reflects the commitment by the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services to provide sound and current dietary guidance to consumers. The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-445) requires the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the Dietary Guidelines for Americans at least every five years. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will advise the Secretaries as to whether a revision of the 1995 edition of Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans is warranted. If the Committee decides a revision is warranted, it will recommend revisions to the Secretaries for the year 2000 edition.

Announcement of Meeting

The Committee's first meeting will be September 28 and 29, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the first day, and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second day. The meeting will be held at the Waugh Auditorium located on the third floor of USDA's Economic Research Service, 1800 M Street NW, Washington DC, one block from

Farragut North metro station and three blocks from the Farragut West metro station. Parking is available at local garages. Entry to the building is through the South Lobby Tower. The agenda will include (a) orientation, (b) brief scientific review and discussion related to the guidelines, and (c) formulation of plans for future work of the Committee.

Public Participation at Meeting

The meeting is open to the public. However, space is limited for all sessions. Written comments from the public will be accepted before or after the meeting and may be sent to any of the individuals named for contact purpose; opportunities to present oral comments may be provided at future meetings. Please call Shanthi Bowman (301) 734-5640 by September 15, 1998, should you require a sign language interpreter.

Written Comment

By this notice, the Committee is soliciting submission of written comments, views, information and data pertinent to review of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Written comments will be accepted throughout the process. To be considered for the first meeting, comments should be submitted by September 14, 1998. Comments should be sent to Shanthi Bowman Ph.D., at Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, 4700 River Road, Unit 89, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

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Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture.

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Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Department of Agriculture.

David Satcher,

Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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