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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Invitation for Nominations for the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, and Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Office of Public Health and Science, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: Invitation for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announce their intention to establish a Dietary Guidelines advisory Committee and invite nominations for the Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Junko Alice Tamaki, Co-Executive Secretary from USDA to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Agricultural Research Service, 10300 Baltimore Blvd., Room 332, Building 005, Beltsville, MD 20705, (301) 504-6216; William M. Layden, Co-Executive Secretary from USDA to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 1120 20th St., NW, Suite 200 North Lobby, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 418-2312; or Kathryn McMurry or Linda Meyers, Co-Executive Secretaries from HHS to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Office of Public Health and Science, Room 738G, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 205-4872.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dietary Guidelines for Americans form the basis of Federal food and nutrition education activities. The Guidelines were first published by USDA and HHS in 1980, with revisions in 1985, 1990,

and 1995. The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-445) requires the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the Dietary Guidelines for Americans at least every five years.

Prospective members of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee should be knowledgeable of current scientific research in human nutrition and be respected and published experts in their fields. They should be familiar with the purpose and application of the Dietary Guidelines and have demonstrated interest in the public's health and well-being through their research and/or educational endeavors. The Committee will determine if revision of the 1995 Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans is warranted based on thorough evaluation of recent scientific and applied literature and, if so, will proceed to develop recommendations for these revisions in a report to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. Copies of the Report of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 1995 are available upon request from either of the Co-Executive Secretaries from USDA at the addresses listed above.

The Departments invite nominations for Committee membership of individuals qualified to carry out the above-mentioned tasks. Nominations should describe and document the nominee's qualifications in the relevant subject areas. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA and HHS policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA and HHS, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Nominations must be submitted to William M. Layden, Junko Alice Tamaki, Kathryn McMurry, or Linda Meyers at the addresses above up to 60 days after publication of this notice.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Agriculture.

August 28, 1997.

John M. Eisenberg,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Performance Assessment and Public Education Working Group Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board representing 30 constituent categories as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127) announces a meeting of the Advisory Board's Performance Assessment and Public Education Working Group with USDA Communications Office officials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Performance Assessment and Public Education Working Group, a subgroup of the Advisory Board, comprised of five Board members, will meet with public communications officials of USDA to gain a better understanding and insight on the structure, function, and potential of USDA in communicating agricultural information to the public. This activity represents an initial information gathering effort by the Working Group addressing public understanding and appreciation of agricultural research, education, and extension (as discussed at the Advisory Board meeting of August 4-5, 1997). The Working Group will take these preliminary findings to the full Advisory Board for their consideration as they develop future recommendations on mechanisms for

improving communication to the public on food and agriculture, as charged by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Also, the Working Group will be joined by a few other Board members, who will meet on October 15 for a planning meeting on priority setting. The purpose of this Working Group meeting is to develop and plan an effective agenda for the Advisory Board meeting in November 1997, which will focus on research, extension, education, and economics priority setting for the FY 2000 Budget.

Dates: October 14, 1997, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and October 15, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Conference Room 338C-Aerospace Building, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199.

Done at Washington, DC, this 12th day of September 1997.

I. Miley Gonzalez,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Public Briefings on Development of a U.S. Action Plan on Food Security

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting postponement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that public workshops regarding development of a U.S. Action Plan on Food Security originally scheduled for September 23 and 24 have been postponed. The workshops are for the purpose of briefing the public on the draft mini-papers, responding to questions and receiving reactions to the papers in order to facilitate public participation in the process of

developing the U.S. Action Plan on Food Security.

DATES: New dates for the workshops will be announced as soon as possible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Inquiries may be directed to the Office of the National Food Security Coordinator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 3008 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 690-0776 or fax (202) 720-6103.

Signed in Washington, DC, September 11, 1997.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York State Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the New York State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These new standards include; Grass Filter Strip (NY393s) and Grass Filter Area (NY393a).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before October 20, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York, 13202-2450.

Copies of these standards are available from the above individual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made

available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Richard D. Swenson,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Syracuse, NY.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Delaware

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Delaware.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Delaware to issue a revised conservation practice standard Wetland Development or Restoration (Code 657) in Section IV of the FOTG.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elesa K. Cottrell, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Suite 101, 1203 College Park Dr., Dover, Delaware 19904-8713, telephone (302) 678-4160. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Delaware will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Delaware regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

Elesa K. Cottrell,

State Conservationist.

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