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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-058N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committees on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, and Natural Mineral Waters

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); the Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are

sponsoring a public meeting on November 10, 1998, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the following upcoming committee meetings:

- Twenty-Second Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, Budapest, Hungary, November 21-27, 1998.
- Sixth Session of the Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters, Bern, Switzerland, November 19-21, 1998.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 1409, Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration Building, 200 C Street, SW, Washington, DC.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Codex is the principal 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.

Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The U.S. Delegate for the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling will provide information and receive public comments on the following subjects at the public meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.:

Agenda item/subject matter	Doc. Ref. No.
1. Methods of Sampling	
(a) Proposed Draft General Guidelines on Sampling at Step 4	CX/MAS 98/3.
(b) Draft Revised Recommended Methods of Sampling for the Determination of Pesticide Residues for Compliance with MRLs.	CX/MAS 98/4.
2. Criteria for Evaluating Acceptable Methods of Analysis for Codex Purposes	CX/MAS 98/5.
3. Harmonization of Reporting of Test Results Corrected for Recovery Factors. Progress Report on Development of Harmonized Guidelines for the Use of Recovery Factors in Analytical Measurement.	CX/MAS 98/6.
4. Harmonization of Analytical Terminology in Accordance with International Standards. Report of Inter-Agency Meeting on "Limits"	Conference Room Document (CRD) 1.
5. Measurement Uncertainty	CX/MAS 98/7.
6. In-House Method Validation	CX/MAS 98/8.

The U.S. Delegate for the Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters will provide information and receive public comments on the following subject at the public meeting as soon as the earlier discussion ends or from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.:

Agenda item/subject matter	Doc. Ref. No.
1. Consideration of Proposed Draft General Standard for Bottled/Packaged Waters Other Than Natural Mineral Waters at Step 4	CX/NMW 98/2.

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