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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-01-04]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: June 6, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and June 7, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Central Time).

Place: Best Western Midway Hotel, 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603. Telephone: (608) 781-7000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Mathews, Acting Program Manager, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2945-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20090-6456, Telephone: (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992 and currently has five committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Accreditation, Crops, Livestock, Materials, and Processing.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 30 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 189 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on March 6-7, 2001, in Buena Park, CA.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

Purpose and Agenda

The principal purposes of the meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to: receive various committee reports; receive updates from the Aquatic Task Force Working Group, the Task Force on Board Policy for Expert Presentations, and the Task Force on Outreach to Producers; receive an update from the USDA/NOP; review materials to determine if they should be included on the National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances; hear a presentation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on pesticide product labeling; and hear a presentation from the Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA on trade issues.

The Livestock Committee will present a recommendation to the NOSB on "access to pasture." The Processing Committee will seek from the NOSB adoption of its recommendation for clarifying the materials for which a petition must be submitted requesting a review of a material for inclusion on the National List of substances allowed or prohibited for use in organic production and handling; discuss what "novel" processes will be allowed in organic handling; and discuss potential mislabeling issues that might arise in regard to products produced by uncertified processors. The Crops Committee will present a draft guidance document on compost tea and vermiculture; draft recommendations for greenhouse standards; draft recommendations for mushroom standards; and discuss transitional organic labeling and transitional organic operations. The Accreditation Committee will seek adoption of a plan

for a Peer Review Panel; make recommendations about what issues guidance should be provided about on the NOP Website; present a new certifier outreach report; and discuss the committee's draft "Principles of Organic Production and Handling." The Materials Committee will present its materials decision matrix for adoption by the Board, review materials for possible inclusion on the National List of Allowed or Prohibited Substances; seek adoption of a policy for updating the National List; and review committee communications with the Organic industry.

Materials to be reviewed at the meeting by the NOSB are as follows: for Livestock production: DL-Methionine (including, DL-Methionine Hydroxy Analog and Hydroxy Analog Calcium); for Crops: Monocalcium Phosphate; and for Processing: Potassium Hydroxide, Ammonium Hydroxide, Cyclohexamine, Diethylaminoethanol, Morpholine, Octadecylamine.

For further information see <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>. Copies of the NOSB meeting agenda can be requested from Mrs. Toni Strother, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2510-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20090-6456; by telephone at (202) 720-3252; or by accessing the NOP website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> on or after May 4, 2001.

Type of Meeting

The meeting is open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Wednesday, June 6, 2001, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., and on Thursday, June 7, 2001, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Best Western Midway Hotel 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, WI 54603. Telephone: (608) 781-7000. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting should forward their request to Mrs. Toni Strother at USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2510-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20090-6456, or by FAX to (202) 205-7808, or by e-mail to toni.strother2@usda.gov, by close of business May 31, 2001. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure that a person has the opportunity to speak during the allotted time period and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and

to accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation. Written comments may be submitted to the NOSB at the meeting or to Mrs. Strother after the meeting at the above address.

Dated: May 16, 2001.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-033-1]

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Expired Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reinstatement 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 intention to request a reinstatement of an expired information collection in support of regulations governing the importation of tomatoes from Spain, Chile, France, Morocco, and Western Sahara to prevent the introduction of foreign plant pests into the United States.

DATES: We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all comments that we receive by July 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 01-033-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01-033-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room 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.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding foreign quarantine regulations, contact Donna L. West, Import Specialist, Phytosanitary Issues Management Team, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737-1232; (301) 734-8262. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Tomatoes from Spain, Chile, France, Morocco, and Western Sahara.

OMB Number: 0579-0131.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2001.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an expired information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for preventing plant pests from entering the United States and controlling and eradicating plant pests in the United States. The Plant Protection Act authorizes the Department to carry out this mission. The Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is responsible for implementing the regulations that carry out the intent of this Act.

The regulations in "Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56 through 319.56-8) prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests, including fruit flies, that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States.

The regulations in § 319.56-2dd allow tomatoes from Spain, Chile, France, Morocco, and Western Sahara to be imported into the United States subject to certain conditions. Allowing tomatoes to be imported necessitates the use of certain information collection activities, including completing phytosanitary inspection certificates and maintaining records regarding trap placement and Medfly captures. The information we collect serves as the supporting documentation needed to

confirm that the tomatoes have been produced in accordance with the conditions set forth in the regulations.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for 3 years.

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

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

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, 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 0.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Foreign plant health protection authorities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 34.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 72.

Estimated annual number of responses: 2448.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1224 hours.

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 14th day of May 2001.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List: Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.