

Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food And Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on March 26, 2002, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP), which will be held in Paris, France, on April 15–19, 2002. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 17th Session of the General Principles Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and to address items on the Agenda for the 17th CCGP.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th, 2002, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107A, Jamie E. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC. To receive copies of the documents referenced in the notice contact 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. The documents are also accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/ccgp17/gp02_01e.htm. If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Room, Docket #02–009N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. F. Edward Scarbrough, U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Dr. F. Edward Scarbrough at the above telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. 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. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and EPA manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Committee on General Principles deals with such procedural and general matters as are referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Such matters have included the establishment of the General Principles that define the purpose and scope of the Codex Alimentarius; the nature of Codex standards and the forms of acceptance by countries of Codex standards; the development of Guidelines for Codex Committees; the development of a mechanism for examining any economic impact statements submitted by governments concerning possible implications for their economies of some of the individual standards or some of the provisions thereof; and the establishment of a Code of Ethics for the International Trade in Food. The Committee is chaired by France.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees, including Traceability.
3. Risk Analysis
 - (a) Proposed Draft Working Principles for Risk Analysis
 - (b) The Application of Risk Analysis in the Elaboration of Codex Standards (prepared by India)
 - (c) Consideration of the development of working principles for risk analysis to be applied by governments
4. Proposed Draft Revised Code of Ethics for International Trade in Foods
5. Guidelines for Cooperation with International Intergovernmental Organizations
6. Membership in the Codex Alimentarius Commission of Regional Economic Integration Organizations
7. Other Business, Future Work

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the French Secretariat at the 17th Session of CCGP. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the March 26th public meeting, the agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer

comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the FSIS Docket Room (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 17th CCGP.

Additional Public Notification

Pursuant to Departmental Regulation 4300–4, “Civil Rights Impact Analysis,” dated September 22, 1993, FSIS has considered the potential civil rights impact of this notice on minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Therefore, to better ensure that these groups and others are made aware of this meeting, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of the **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update.

The Agency provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding Agency policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** Notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, the Agency is able to provide information with a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 720–5704.

Done at Washington, DC on: March 21, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02–004N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Twenty-fifth Session of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), of the Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on May 8, 2002, to review technical content of the agenda item documents and to receive comments on all issues coming before the Twenty-fifth Session of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP), which will be held in Alesund, Norway, June 3–7, 2002.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland 20740, Conference Room 4B 047.

To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact the Food Safety Inspection Service (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. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/economic/esn/codex>. Send comments, in triplicate, to the FSIS Docket Room and reference Docket #02–004N. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Syed Amjad Ali, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700, Telephone (202) 205–7760; Fax (202) 720–3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Janet Walraven, Consumer Safety Officer, Office of Seafood, FDA, at telephone (301) 436–1404; Fax (301) 436–2601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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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.

The Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products was established to elaborate codes and standards for fish and fishery products. The Government of Norway hosts this Committee and will chair the Committee meeting.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following specific issues will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex committees.
2. Review Proposed Draft Standard for Dried Salted Anchovies.
3. Proposed Draft for Salted Atlantic Herring and Sprats for Histamine levels.
4. Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (sections 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.9, 3 to 6 and 13).
5. Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products: sections other than those listed in Item 3; Coated Fish; Retail; Surimi; Cephalopods; Transportation; Smoked; Salted; Molluscan Shellfish.
6. Proposed Draft Standard for Live, Quick Frozen and Canned bivalve Molluscs.
7. Proposed Draft Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products.
8. Proposed Draft Standard for Smoked Fish.
9. Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Quick Frozen Lobsters.
10. Proposed Draft Standard for Scallops.
11. Discussion Paper—Inclusion of additional species and on labelling requirements related to the “name of the product” in Codex Standards (Proposed Draft Amendment to the Canned Sardines Standard).
12. Discussion paper on fish content in fish sticks.

Additional Public Notification

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92–463) and under the secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, April 15, 2002. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Office in North Fork, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to review the RAC application process, review the draft evaluation sheet, and review current applications.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 15, 2002. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the USDA Forest Service Office, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, USDA Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643 (559) 877–2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: dmartin05@fs.fed.us.