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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 21, 2010.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Fruits, Nut, and Specialty Crops.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0039.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Estimates of fruit, tree nuts, and specialty crops are an integral part of this program. These estimates support the NASS strategic plan to cover all agricultural cash receipts. The authority to collect these data activities is granted under U.S. Code title 7, Section 2204. Information is collected on a voluntary basis from growers, processors, and handlers through surveys.

Need and Use of the Information: Data reported on fruit, nut, specialty crops and Hawaii tropical crops are used by NASS to estimate acreage, yield, production, utilization, and crop value in States with significant commercial production. These estimates are essential to farmers, processors, and handlers in making production and marketing decisions. Estimates from these inquiries are used by market order administrators in their determination of expected supplies of crop under federal and state market orders as well as competitive fruits and nuts.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 63,305.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 16,489.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Central Idaho RAC will meet in Grangeville, Idaho. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential projects for the new fiscal year.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 18, 2010, at 9 a.m. (PST) and continue on February 19, 2010, at 9 a.m. (PST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Nez Perce National Forest Supervisor's Office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, Idaho. Written comments should be sent to Laura Smith at 104 Airport Road in Grangeville, Idaho 83530. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to lasmith@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to Laura at 208-983-4099.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Smith, Designated Forest Official at 208-983-5143.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. A public forum will begin on February 18th at 3 p.m. (PST). The following business will be conducted: Discussion of projects for FY10 approval. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: January 19, 2010.

Rick Brazell,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2009-0040]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration

(FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on February 8, 2010. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions that will be discussed at the 42nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Beijing, China March 15–19, 2010. The Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 42nd Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Auditorium (1A003), FDA, Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 42nd Session of the CCFA will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 42nd Session of the CCFA, Dennis Keefe, and FDA, invite interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: cfsan-ccfa@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration

Attendees may register electronically at the same e-mail address provided above by February 4, 2010. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems.

Attendees that are not able to attend the meeting in-person but wish to participate may do so by phone. Those wishing to participate by phone should request the call-in number and conference code when they register for the meeting.

For Further Information About the 42nd Session of the CCFA Contact: Dennis M. Keefe, Ph.D., Manager, International Activities Office of Food Additive Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD

20740, Telephone: (301) 436–1284, Fax: (301) 436–2972, e-mail: dennis.keefe@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Paul Honigfort, Ph.D, Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Food Contact Notifications, Office of Food Additive Safety CFSAN/FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway HFS–275, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (301) 436–1206, Fax: (301) 436–2965, e-mail: paul.honigfort@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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 protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCFA establishes or endorses permitted maximum levels for individual additives; prepares priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); assigns functional classes to individual food additives; recommends specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by Codex; considers methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and considers and elaborates standards or codes for related subjects such as labeling of food additives when sold as such. The CCFA is hosted by China.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 42nd Session of the CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by Codex and other Codex committees and task forces.
- Matters of interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 71st Meeting of the JECFA.
- Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in codex standards.
- Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the General Standards for Food Additives (GSFA).
- Comments and information on several food additive provisions of the GSFA.
- Comments and information on the reporting basis of the provisions for aluminum containing food additives included in the GSFA.

- Comments and information on several aspects of the Food Category System of the GSFA.

- Discussion paper on innovative proposals to expedite the work on the GSFA.

- Proposed draft guidelines and principles for substances used as processing aids.

- Inventory of substances used as processing aids, updated list.

- Proposals for changes or additions to the International Numbering System (INS) for food additives.

- Discussion paper on principles regarding the need for justification for proposals of changes to the INS.

- Specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 71st JECFA meeting.

- Proposals for additions and changes to the priority list of food additives proposed for evaluation by the JECFA.

- Discussion paper on mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by the JECFA.

- Discussion paper on the identification of problems and recommendations related to the inconsistent presentation of food additives provisions in Codex commodity standards.

- Discussion paper on the Codex standard for food grade salt.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Executive Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access these documents (*see ADDRESSES*).

Public Meeting

At the February 8, 2010, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and 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 U.S. Delegate for the 42nd Session of the CCFA, Dr. Dennis Keefe, (*see ADDRESSES*). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 42nd Session of the CCFA.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2010/Notices_Index/.

FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information

regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 20, 2010.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to the National Handbook of Conservation Practices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of NRCS to issue a series of revised conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include: Air Filtration and Scrubbing (Code 371), Animal Trails and Walkways (Code 575), Combustion System Improvement (Code 372), Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328), Diversion (Code 362), Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces (Code 373), Forage Harvest Management (Code 511), Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315), Range Planting (Code 550), and

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Code 390). NRCS State Conservationists who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States will incorporate them into Section IV of their respective electronic Field Office Technical Guides. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land (HEL) or on land determined to be a wetland. Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment all proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out HEL and wetland provisions of the law.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This is effective January 28, 2010.

Comment date: Submit comments on or before March 1, 2010. Final versions of these new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period, and after consideration of all comments.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted using any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Wayne Bogovich, National Agricultural Engineer, Conservation Engineering Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6136 South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

- *E-mail:* wayne.bogovich@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Bogovich, National Agricultural Engineer, Conservation Engineering Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6136 South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

Electronic copies of these standards can be downloaded or printed from the following Web site: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/NHQ/practice-standards/federal-register/>. Requests for paper versions or inquiries may be directed to Wayne Bogovich, National Agricultural Engineer, Conservation Engineering Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6136 South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amount of the proposed changes varies considerably for each of the Conservation Practice Standards addressed in this notice. To fully understand the proposed changes, individuals are encouraged to compare these changes with each standard's current version as shown at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/>

[Standards/nhcp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/Standards/nhcp.html). To aid in this comparison, following are highlights of the proposed revisions to each standard:

Air Filtration and Scrubbing (Code 371)—This is a new standard which is a device or system for reducing emissions of air contaminants from a structure.

Animal Trails and Walkways (Code 575)—Proposed revisions are limited but include greater emphasis of potential impacts to water courses and other environmental and cultural resources.

Combustion System Improvement (Code 372)—This is a new standard to improve the air quality and energy efficiency of agricultural combustion systems.

Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328)—The revised standard adds a purpose for cropping system diversity and pollinator habitat. Additional criteria have been added to improve soil quality and nutrient balance.

Diversion (Code 362)—Revisions include expansion of the Plans and Specifications section along with updated references.

Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces (Code 373)—This is a new standard for controlling direct particulate matter emissions produced by vehicle and machinery traffic or wind action from unpaved roads and other surfaces by applying a palliative on the surface.

Forage Harvest Management (Code 511)—Revisions are minor in nature with updated references included.

Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315)—This is a new standard to provide for herbaceous weed control on lands not actively in crop production. Requirements are included for biological, chemical, and mechanical control.

Range Planting (Code 550)—Revisions incorporate Ecological Site Description use for planning purposes and updates the reference section. Minor changes in wording occur throughout the standard.

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Code 390)—Proposed revisions expand the practice purpose to include more habitat functions, including providing habitat for pollinator conservation. Use of ecological site descriptions for planning and monitoring this practice has been added. Additional references have been included.

Signed this January 25, 2010, in Washington, DC.

Dave White,

Chief, Natural Resource Conservation Service.

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