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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2014-0036]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

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), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) are sponsoring a public meeting on January 13, 2015. 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 24th session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Malaysia, February 9–13, 2015. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 24th session of the CCFO and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Harvey Wiley Building, United States Food and Drug Administration, CFSAN, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, Room number TBA, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 24th session of the CCFO will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Paul South, U.S. Delegate to the 24th session of CCFO, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Paul.South@fda.hhs.gov.

Call in Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 24th session of CCFO by conference call, please use the call in number and participant code listed below:

Call in Number: 1-888-844-9904

The participant code will be listed on the Web link below: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 24TH SESSION OF THE CCFO CONTACT: Paul South, Review Chemist, Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, Phone: (240) 402-1640, Fax: (301) 436-2632, Email: Paul.South@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 the food trade.

The CCFO is responsible for elaborating worldwide standards for fats and oils of animal, vegetable and marine origin including margarine and olive oil. The Committee is hosted by Malaysia.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 24th session of CCFO will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees
 - Proposed draft Standard for Fish Oils
 - Review of the Lists of acceptable previous cargoes
 - Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: Sunflower Seed Oils
 - Discussion Paper on Cold Pressed Oils
 - Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: High Oleic Soybean Oil
 - Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils for the Addition of Palm Oil with High Oleic Acid OxG
 - Other Business and Future Work
- Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the January 13, 2015 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed. 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 24th session of CCFO, Paul South (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 24th session of CCFO.

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consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is 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 email 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/wps/portal/fsis/programs-and-services/email-subscription-service>.

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

Fax: (202) 690-7442.

Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Done at Washington, DC, on November 14, 2014.

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U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2010-0023]

Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) in Certain Raw Beef Products

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and response to comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that it has completed and is making available its analysis on the estimated costs and benefits associated with the implementation of its non-O157 STEC testing on beef manufacturing trimmings and the costs and benefits associated with the potential expansion of its non-O157 STEC testing to ground beef and ground beef components other than beef manufacturing trimmings. In addition, FSIS is responding to comments that it received on the previous cost benefits analysis.

DATES: To receive full consideration, comments should be received by January 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice and the cost benefit analysis. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail, including CD-ROMs:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS 2010-0023. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriot Plaza

3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel L. Engeljohn, Ph.D., Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Telephone: (202) 205-0495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 20, 2011, FSIS announced in the **Federal Register** its determination that raw, non-intact beef products or raw, intact beef products that are intended for use in raw, non-intact product, that are contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, or O145 are adulterated within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. 601(m)(1)(76 FR 58157; Sep. 20, 2011). In support of its determination, the Agency cited evidence of the STEC organisms' high pathogenicity, low infectious dose, transmissibility from person to person, and thermal resistance high enough for them to survive ordinary cooking (76 FR 51858-51859). FSIS stated that raw, non-intact beef products that are contaminated with these STEC are also unhealthful and unwholesome (under 21 U.S.C. 601(m)(3)) (76 FR 58159).

In this 2011 **Federal Register** notice, FSIS included an estimate of costs and benefits of testing for non-O157 STEC in all non-intact beef product subject to Agency testing (76 FR 58157; Sept. 20, 2011, at 58162-58164). The Agency asked for comments on its plans for implementing the program, including cost estimates (76 FR 58164), which included costs to FSIS laboratories for analyzing trim samples for non-O157 STEC (approximately \$204,050 to \$338,270 per year in 2010 dollars), cost of additional establishments testing for non-O157 (about \$12.3 million to \$16.4 million per year), and the loss to the industry from diverting the contaminated products (about \$12.1 to \$16.1 million per year). FSIS also announced in this notice its plan to conduct a new "checklist" survey of its field inspection personnel who are stationed in beef slaughter and processing establishments.

FSIS implemented a verification sampling and testing program for the six adulterant non-O157 STEC in raw beef manufacturing trimmings on June 4, 2012, as announced in a 2012 **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 9889; Feb. 2012). The Agency also announced (75 FR 31975 at 31976; May 31, 2012) that it would update and revise the September