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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS–SC–18–0014]

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee and second request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) intends to reestablish the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (FVIAC). The purpose of the FVIAC is to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and provide recommendations and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to better meet the needs of the fruit and vegetable industry. USDA also seeks additional nominations of individuals to be considered for selection to the FVIAC. Nominees who answered the first call for nominations published in **Federal Register** on August 2, 2017, need not reapply. All 25 positions on the FVIAC will be filled. All previous members must apply.

DATES: Written nominations must be postmarked on or before May 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Nomination applications can be sent via email to Marlene Betts at Marlene.Betts@ams.usda.gov or Valerie Minick at Valerie.Minick@ams.usda.gov, or mailed to: USDA–AMS–SCP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2077–S, Stop 0235, Washington, DC 20250–0235. Electronic submittals are preferred.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlene Betts (202) 720–5057; Email: marlene.betts@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to reestablish the FVIAC for two years. The purpose of the FVIAC is to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and provide recommendations and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to better meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

The Deputy Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service's Specialty Crops Program will serve as the FVIAC Executive Secretary. Representatives from USDA mission areas and agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry will be called upon to participate in the FVIAC's meetings as determined by the FVIAC Executive Secretary and the FVIAC.

Industry members are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and will serve staggered terms of up to 2 years. Approximately half of the FVIAC will serve a one-year term, with the remainder serving a two-year term. No member can serve more than six consecutive years. FVIAC membership consists of no more than 25 members who represent the fruit and vegetable industry, and will include individuals representing fruit and vegetable growers/shippers, fruit and vegetable wholesalers/distributors, brokers, retailers/restaurant representatives, fresh-cut and other fruit and vegetable processors, and foodservice suppliers. It should also include individuals representing farmers markets and food hubs, organic and non-organic fruit and vegetable representatives, and representatives from state departments of agriculture, farmer organizations, and produce trade associations.

Through this Notice and the Notice published on August 2, 2017 (82 FR 35926), the USDA seeks to fulfill two goals. Firstly, it is seeking additional nominations to fill all twenty-five (25) seats on the FVIAC. Due to the timing of the publication of renewal notice (83 FR 35926), and the expiration of the members' terms, it was determined that the FVIAC charter be reestablished and all 25 positions on the FVIAC be filled. Therefore, we are calling for additional nominees to fill all positions on the FVIAC. Previous FVIAC members must apply to be considered. The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint one person to each of these twenty-five (25) positions.

Approximately one-half of the FVIAC will serve a 1-year term and the remainder of the FVIAC will serve a 2-year term.

Secondly, the USDA is seeking nominations to fill future unexpected vacancies in any of the position categories. These nominations will be held as a pool of candidates that the Secretary of Agriculture can draw upon as replacement appointees if unexpected vacancies occur. A person appointed to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the term of the vacant position.

The Secretary of Agriculture invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above to nominate individuals or themselves for membership on the FVIAC. Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's fruit and vegetable industry qualifications for membership to the FVIAC. The Secretary of Agriculture seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

To nominate yourself or someone else, please submit the following: A resume (required), Form AD–755 (required), which can be accessed at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/facas-advisory-councils/fviac/nominations>, a cover letter, and a list of endorsements or letters of recommendation (optional). Resumes must be no longer than 5 pages, and should include a summary of the following information: Current and past organization affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; any other notable positions held.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the FVIAC in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that FVIAC recommendations take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities and limited resource agriculture producers.

The information collection requirements concerning the nomination process have been previously cleared by the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0505-0001.

Dated: April 19, 2018.

Bruce Summers,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2018-0012]

Concurrence With OIE Risk Designations for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our preliminary concurrence with the World Organization for Animal Health's (OIE) bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk designations for four regions. The OIE recognizes these regions as being of negligible risk for BSE. We are taking this action based on our review of information supporting the OIE's risk designations for these regions.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 25, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>#!/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0012.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2018-0012, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/>#!/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0012 or in our reading room, which 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) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Rebecca Gordon, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Regionalization Evaluation Services, National Import Export Services, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus

Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 855-7741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 92 subpart B, "Importation of Animals and Animal Products; Procedures for Requesting BSE Risk Status Classification With Regard To Bovines" (referred to below as the regulations), set forth the process by which the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) classifies regions for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk. Section 92.5 of the regulations provides that all countries of the world are considered by APHIS to be in one of three BSE risk categories: Negligible risk, controlled risk, or undetermined risk. These risk categories are defined in § 92.1. Any region that is not classified by APHIS as presenting either negligible risk or controlled risk for BSE is considered to present an undetermined risk. The list of those regions classified by APHIS as having either negligible risk or controlled risk can be accessed on the APHIS website at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/import-live-animals/ct_bovine_spongiform_encephalopathy. The list can also be obtained by writing to APHIS at National Import Export Services, 4700 River Road, Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Under the regulations, APHIS may classify a region for BSE in one of two ways. One way is for regions that have not received a risk classification from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) to request classification by APHIS. The other way is for APHIS to concur with the classification given to a country or region by the OIE.

If the OIE has classified a region as either BSE negligible risk or BSE controlled risk, APHIS will seek information to support concurrence with the OIE classification. This information may be publicly available information, or APHIS may request that regions supply the same information given to the OIE. APHIS will announce in the **Federal Register**, subject to public comment, its intent to concur with an OIE classification.

In accordance with this process, we are giving notice in this document that APHIS intends to concur with the OIE risk classifications of the following regions:

- *Regions of negligible risk for BSE:* Croatia, Poland, Northern Ireland (region of United Kingdom), and Scotland (region of United Kingdom).

The OIE recommendations regarding each of the above regions can be viewed

at <http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/bse/list-of-bse-risk-status/>. The conclusions of the OIE scientific commission for these regions can be viewed at:

Croatia: http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/International_Standard_Setting/docs/pdf/SCAD/A_SCAD_Feb2014.pdf (page 88).

Poland: http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/International_Standard_Setting/docs/pdf/SCAD/A_SCAD_Feb2017.pdf (page 71).

Northern Ireland: http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/International_Standard_Setting/docs/pdf/SCAD/A_SCAD_Feb2017.pdf (page 74).

Scotland: http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/International_Standard_Setting/docs/pdf/SCAD/A_SCAD_Feb2017.pdf (page 76).

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our final determination regarding the BSE classification of these countries in the **Federal Register**, along with a discussion of and response to pertinent issues raised by commenters. If APHIS recognizes a region as either negligible risk or controlled risk for BSE, the Agency will include that region on the list of regions of negligible risk or controlled risk for BSE, as applicable, that is available to the public on the Agency's website at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/import-live-animals/ct_bovine_spongiform_encephalopathy.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622 and 8301-8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of April 2018.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-29-2018]

Approval of Subzone Status; Orgill, Inc.; Sikeston, Missouri

On February 9, 2018, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the St. Louis County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 102, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 102, on behalf of Orgill, Inc., in Sikeston, Missouri.