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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0003]

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

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), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on March 8, 2007. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the Thirty-ninth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Beijing, China, on April 24-28, 2007. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 39th Session of CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2007 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the auditorium (Room 1A003), Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 5100 Paint Branch Highway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 39th Session of CCFA are accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the CCFA, Dr. Dennis Keefe, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: ccfa@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register electronically to the same e-mail address above by March 6, 2007. 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, if known, when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring a photo identification (ID) and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 39TH SESSION OF THE CCFA CONTACT: Dennis Keefe, Office of Food Additive Safety (HFS-205), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Phone (301) 436-1284, Fax: (301) 436-2972, e-mail dennis.keefe@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Ellen Matten, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South building, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20250. Phone (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius (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 trade.

The Codex Committee on Food Additives was formed in 2006 from the division of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants. It was established to set or endorse maximum levels for individual food additives; prepare priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); assign functional classes to individual food additives; recommend specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by the Commission; consider methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and consider and elaborate standards or codes for related subjects such as the labeling of food additives when sold as such. The Committee is hosted by the People's Republic of China.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 39th Session of CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee from other Codex bodies.
- Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO.
- Endorsement/revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards.
- Inclusion of Food Additive Provisions of Commodity Standards into the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA).
- Consideration of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives.
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings.
- Processing Aids.
- International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives.
- Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives.
- Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA.

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 **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 39TH SESSION OF THE CCFA CONTACT**).

Public Meeting

At the March 8, 2007 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 CCFA, Dr. Dennis Keefe (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 39th Session of 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/2007_Notices_Index/. FSIS also will 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, recalls, 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 electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade and farm groups, 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 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 account.

Done at Washington, DC, on February 21, 2007.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service (RHS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agencies intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing regulation.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 30, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gale Richardson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mail STOP 0783, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0783, Telephone 202-720-1459. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1927-B, Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing.

OMB Number: 0575-0147.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2007.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or rehabilitate dwellings, farm buildings, and/or related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and adequate farm buildings and other structures in rural areas. Sections 302, 311, and 321 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, authorize the Secretary to extend agricultural credit to farmers and ranchers. Title clearance is required to assure the Agency(s) that the loan is legally secured and has the required lien priority.

The Agencies will be collecting information to assure that those participating in this program remain eligible to proceed with loan closing and to ensure that loans made with Federal funds are legally secured. The respondents are individuals or households, farms, businesses, and nonprofit institutions. The information required is used by USDA personnel to verify that the required lien position has been obtained. The information is collected at the field office responsible for processing a loan application through loan closing. The information is also used to ensure the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. If not collected, the Agency would be unable to determine if the loan is adequately and legally secured.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .28 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, farms, businesses, non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,399.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25,042 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0035.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to Renita Bolden, Regulation and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: February 1, 2007.

Russell T. Davis,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: January 31, 2007.

Thomas B. Hofeller,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Public Meeting

AGENCY: Antitrust Modernization Commission.

ACTIONS: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Antitrust Modernization Commission will hold a public meeting on March 14, 2007. The purpose of the meeting is for the Antitrust Modernization Commission to deliberate on possible recommendations regarding the antitrust laws to Congress and the President.

DATES: March 14, 2007, 9:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. Advanced registration is required.

ADDRESSES: Morgan Lewis, Main Conference Room, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew J. Heimert, Executive Director & General Counsel, Antitrust Modernization Commission: telephone: (202) 233-0701; e-mail: info@amc.gov. Mr. Heimert is also the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

For Registration: For building security purposes, advanced registration is