

harvested or grazed); dates crops were planted or planting was completed (including age of perennial crops); number of acres of each planting of the eligible crop in which the producer has a share in the administrative county; number of acres intended but prevented from being planted; zero acres planted when the crop for which a NAP application for coverage was filed, is not planted; and shares and identities of all producers sharing in the crop at the time a NAP application for coverage was filed. Finally, the information collected includes the FSA farm serial number or location of commodities not necessarily associated with an FSA farm serial number such as colonies of bees for honey production (including the number of colonies belonging to the unit); ponds and waterbeds for production of aquaculture; ornamental nursery (including the size and origin, i.e. container or field grown, of plants belonging to the unit); mushroom facilities; turfgrass sod (including the average number of square yards per acre and all unharvested acres); and trees for maple sap production (including number of eligible trees, average size and age of producing trees, and total number of taps placed or anticipated for the tapping season). NAP operates under the regulations at 7 CFR part 1437.

The revision is to correct the average time to complete the form that increases the total number of burden hours in this information collection.

*Respondents:* Producers.

*Estimated of Respondent Burden:*

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes (.75 hour) per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

*Estimated Annual Number of*

*Respondents:* 291,500.

*Estimated Annual Number of Forms per person:* 1.5.

*Estimate of Total Annual Burden:*

619,438.

*Comments Are Invited on:*

(1) 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;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

All responses received in response to this notice, including names and addresses, when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 26, 2008.

**Teresa C. Lasseter,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2008-0005]

#### **Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods**

**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 (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on March 5, 2008. 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 2nd Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in The Hague, The Netherlands, from March 31-April 4, 2008.

The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 2nd Session of the CCCF and to address items that will be on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the Harvey Wiley Federal Building Auditorium, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Codex

documents related to the 2nd Session of the CCCF are accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the CCCF, Dr. Nega Beru, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov).

**Registration:** Register electronically to the same e-mail address above. 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 photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2ND SESSION OF THE CCCF CONTACT:** Dr. Henry Kim, Office of Food Safety, CFSAN, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-317), College Park, MD 20740, Phone: (301) 436-2023, Fax: (301) 436-2651, e-mail: [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:** Edith Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720-5261, Fax: (202) 720-3157, e-mail: [edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (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 CCCF was established by the Commission in 2006 as a separate Committee to establish or endorse maximum levels for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; to prepare priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); to consider methods of analysis and sampling for determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed; to consider and elaborate

standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and to consider other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed. The Committee is hosted by The Netherlands.

#### Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 2nd Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee from other Codex Bodies
- Matters of Interest arising from FAO and WHO

#### JECFA

- Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (GSCTF)—Proposed Draft Revision to the Preamble
- Draft Maximum Levels for 3-MCPD in Liquid Condiments Containing Acid-HVP (Excluding Naturally Fermented Soy Sauce)
- Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of Chloropropanols during the Production of Acid-Hydrolyzed Vegetable Proteins (HVPs) and Products that Contain Acid-HVPs
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Food
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of Contamination of Food with Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) from Smoking and Direct Drying
- Draft Maximum Level for Ochratoxin A in Wheat, Barley and Rye
- Draft Maximum Levels for Total Aflatoxins in Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios that are “For Further Processing” and “Ready-to-Eat”
- Proposed Draft Sampling Plan for Aflatoxin Contamination in Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Hazelnuts and Pistachios
- Discussion Paper on Maximum Levels for Total Aflatoxins in “Ready-to-Eat” Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios
- Discussion Paper on Aflatoxin Contamination in Brazil Nuts
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Dried Figs
- Discussion Papers on Ochratoxin A in Coffee and Cocoa
- Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA

Each item listed above will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the March 31–April 4, 2008, meeting in The Hague. Members of the public may access copies of these documents at <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

#### Public Meeting

At the March 5, 2008, 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, Dr. Henry Kim, at [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 2nd Session of the CCCF.

#### 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/2008\\_Notices\\_Index/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2008_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 electronic 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 electronic 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/](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: February 27, 2008.

**Paulo Almeida,**

*Acting U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.*  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2008–0006]

#### 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 12, 2008. 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 40th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Beijing, China, on April 21–25, 2008. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 40th Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 4 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 (CFSAN), 5100 Paint Branch Highway, College Park MD 20740. Documents related to the 40th Session of the 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 interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: [ccfa@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ccfa@fda.hhs.gov).

#### Registration

Attendees may register electronically to the same e-mail address above by March 10, 2008. 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