

relevant provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA).

- Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA.
- Proposed draft food additives provisions (new and revised).
- Comments and information on several food additives (replies to CL 2010/7-FA, Part B and CL 2010/39-FA).
- Provisions for aluminum-containing food additives.
- Proposed draft revision of the food category system (food categories 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4) (N07-2010).

• Revision of the name and descriptors of food category 16.0.

- Discussion paper on use of Note 161.
- Discussion paper on the revision of Section 4 "Carry-over of food additives into food" of the Preamble of the GSFA.
- Proposed draft revision of the Codex *Standard for Food Grade Salt* (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (N08-2010).
- Proposals for changes and addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives.
- Specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 73rd JECFA.

• Proposals for additions and changes to the priority list of food additives proposed for evaluation by the JECFA (replies to CL 2010/10-FA).

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

• Discussion paper on development of a database on processing aids.

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Public Meeting

At the February 22, 2011, 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 43rd Session of the CCFA, Dr. Dennis Keefe (see ADDRESSES). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 43rd session of the CCFA.

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Done at Washington, DC, on January 12, 2011.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2010-0044]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

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 Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are sponsoring a public meeting on February 24, 2011. 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 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Beijing, P.R. China April 4-9, 2011. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the EPA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 43rd Session of the CCPR and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at EPA, One Potomac Yard, Room S-7100, 2777 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Documents related to the 43rd Session of the CCPR will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Lois Rossi, U.S. Delegate to the 43rd Session of the CCPR and the EPA, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: Rossi.Lois@epamail.epa.gov.

Call in Number:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 43rd Session of the CCPR by conference call, please use the following call in number and participant code listed below.

Call in Number (United States): 1-866-299-3188

Call in Number (International): 1-706-758-1822

Participant code: 7033056463#

For Further Information About the 43rd Session of the CCPR Contact: Lois

Rossi, Director of Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Phone: (703) 305-5447, Fax: (703) 305-6920, E-mail:

Rossi.Lois@epamail.epa.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Doreen Chen-Moulec, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, E-mail: Doreen.Chen-Moulec@fsis.usda.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 CCPR is responsible for establishing maximum limits for pesticide residues in specific food items or in groups of food; establishing maximum limits for pesticide residues in certain animal feeding stuffs moving in international trade where this is justified for reasons of protection of human health; preparing priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR); considering methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of pesticide residues in food and feed; considering other matters in relation to the safety of food and feed containing pesticide residues; and establishing maximum limits for environmental and industrial contaminants showing chemical or other similarity to pesticides, in specific food items or groups of food.

The Committee is hosted by China.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 43rd Session of the CCPR will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee by Codex and Codex Committees
- Report on Items of General Consideration by the 2010 JMPR
- Report on the 2010 JMPR Response to Specific Concerns Raised by the CCPR
- Draft and Proposed Draft Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) for Pesticides in Foods and Feeds at Steps 7 and 4

- Discussion Paper on the Application of Proportionality in Selecting Data for MRL Estimation
- Draft Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds at Step 7: *Tree Nuts, Herbs and Spices*

- Proposed Draft Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds at Step 4: *Assorted Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits-Edible Peel; Assorted Tropical and Subtropical Fruits-Inedible Peel; Leafy Vegetables (including Brassica Leafy Vegetables); and Brassica (Cole or Cabbage) Vegetables, Cabbage, Head and Flowerhead Cabbages*

- Draft Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of MRL for Pesticides for Commodity Groups at Step 7

- Proposed Draft Annexes to the Draft Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of MRL for Pesticides for Commodity Groups at Step 4

- Discussion Paper on the Guidance to Facilitate the Establishment of MRL for Pesticides for Minor Use and Specialty Crops

- Proposed Draft Revision of the Guidelines on the Estimation of Uncertainty of Results for the Determination of Pesticide Residues at Step 4

- Discussion Paper on How To Address Methods of Analysis for Pesticide Residues by the CCPR

- Revision of the Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the CCPR
- Establishment of Codex Priority Lists of Pesticides

- Consideration of the Status of Codex MRL for Lindane

- Discussion Paper on JMPR Resource Issues in the Provision of Scientific Advice to the CCPR

- Assessment of MRL for Pesticides in Tea

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Public Meeting

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

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 February 9, 2011. 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 32nd session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Budapest, Hungary March 7-11, 2011. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 32nd session of the CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at FDA, Harvey Wiley Building, Room 2B047, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 32nd session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Gregory Diachenko, U.S. Delegate to the 32nd session of the CCMAS, and the FDA, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: Gregory.Diachenko@fda.hhs.gov.

Call In Number:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 32nd session of the CCMAS by conference call, please use the following call in number and participant code listed below.

Call in Number: 1-866-859-5767.

Participant code: 2225276.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 32ND SESSION OF THE CCMAS CONTACT:

Gregory Diachenko, PhD, Director, Division of Product Manufacture and Use Office of Premarket Approval, CFSAN, FDA, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740-3835, *Phone:* (301) 436-2387, *Fax:* (301) 436-2364, *E-mail:* Gregory.Diachenko@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. *Phone:* (202) 690-4795, *Fax:* (202) 412-7901, *E-mail:*

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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The CCMAS is responsible for defining the criteria appropriate to Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling; serving as a coordinating body for Codex with other international groups working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality assurance systems for laboratories; specifying the basis of final recommendations submitted to it by other bodies; considering, amending, and endorsing, methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (Commodity) Committees, except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of microbiological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives, do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee; elaborating sampling plans and procedures; considering specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by Codex or any of its Committees; and defining procedures, protocols, guidelines or related texts for the assessment of food laboratory

proficiency, as well as quality assurance systems for laboratories.

The Committee is hosted by Hungary.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 32nd session of the CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex and Other Codex Committees
 - Draft Revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty
 - Endorsement of Methods of Analysis Provisions in Codex Standards
 - Guidance on Procedures for Conformity Assessment and Resolution of Disputes
 - Use of Proprietary Methods in Codex Standards
 - Report of an Inter-Agency Meeting on Methods of Analysis
- 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 copies of these documents (*see ADDRESSES*).

Public Meeting

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