

that at least 10 percent of U.S. producers engaged in growing soybeans (not in excess of one-fifth of which may be producers in any one State) support the conduct of a referendum, the Secretary must conduct a referendum within 1 year of that determination. If these requirements are not met, a referendum is not conducted.

A notice of opportunity to Request a Soybean Referendum was published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 12037) on March 4, 2014. To be eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum, producers or the producer entity that they are authorized to represent must provide supporting documentation showing that they or the producer entity they represent paid an assessment sometime during the representative period between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2013. Based on USDA data, there are 569,998 soybean producers in the United States.

A total of 355 producers participated in the Request for Referendum. Only 324 valid requests for a referendum were completed by eligible soybean producers. This number does not meet the requisite number of 56,999. Therefore, based on the results, a referendum will not be conducted. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, soybean producers will be provided another opportunity to request a referendum in 5 years.

The following are the State-by-State results of the Request for Referendum:

State	Valid ballots
Alabama	0
Alaska	0
Arizona	0
Arkansas	0
California	0
Colorado	0
Connecticut	0
Delaware	3
Florida	0
Georgia	0
Hawaii	0
Idaho	0
Illinois	43
Indiana	48
Iowa	56
Kansas	6
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	0
Maine	0
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	10
Minnesota	25
Mississippi	0
Missouri	9
Montana	0
Nebraska	2
Nevada	0
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	0
New Mexico	0

State	Valid ballots
New York	1
North Carolina	5
North Dakota	3
Ohio	73
Oklahoma	2
Oregon	0
Pennsylvania	2
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	0
South Dakota	17
Tennessee	0
Texas	2
Utah	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	1
Washington	0
West Virginia	7
Wisconsin	6
Wyoming	0

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 6301–6311.

Dated: September 4, 2014.

**Rex A. Barnes,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. FSIS–2014–0022]

**Discontinuing Export Certificates for Food Products That Contain Egg Products as an Ingredient**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that it will no longer issue export certificates for Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-regulated prepared or manufactured food products that contain egg products as an ingredient because the Agricultural Marketing Service has instituted a program to provide this service. FSIS will discontinue issuing certificates on November 10, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. 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, etc.:

Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and

Inspection Service, Docket Clerk, 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–2014–0022. 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 Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8–163A, Washington, DC 20250–3700, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 10, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Kishore, Deputy Director, Import/Export Coordination and Policy Development Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Phone: (202) 720–0082; Fax: (202) 720–7990.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On April 3, 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced the establishment of the Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Program. Established under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*), the new program<sup>1</sup> facilitates the export of FDA-regulated prepared or manufactured food products containing eggs or egg products. Under the new program, AMS certifies a wide range of foods, including cooked omelets, frozen egg patties, crepes, hard boiled eggs, mayonnaise, and foods containing egg extracts. AMS performs onsite verification of public health certification statements and issues export certificates on a fee-for-service basis as part of the program.

While FDA regulates the safe production, sanitary processing, and labeling of food products containing egg products (Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act) (21 U.S.C. 301–399(d)), FSIS has been issuing export certificates of wholesomeness for prepared or manufactured food products that

<sup>1</sup> USDA Announces Program to Facilitate the Export of Further Processed Eggs and Egg Products.

contain egg products as an ingredient since it assumed responsibility for conducting the Federal egg products inspection program from AMS on May 28, 1995.<sup>2</sup> However, because AMS has now instituted an export certification program of its own, to avoid overlap and confusion, FSIS will discontinue issuing export certificates for prepared or manufactured food products containing egg products. FSIS will stop certifying these products for export on November 10, 2014.

FSIS will also update the FSIS Export Library on November 10, 2014 to show this change in the export certification process. Exporters should contact AMS for assistance. Additional information can be found on AMS's Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYEggExport> and <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYEggExportProcessedEgg>.

#### Additional Public Notification

FSIS will announce this notice online through the FSIS Web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/federal-register>.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: September 5, 2014.

**Alfred V. Almanza,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2014-0015]

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

**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), Office of Nutrition, Labeling, and Dietary Supplements are sponsoring a public meeting on October 28, 2014.

The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 36th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX), taking place in Bali, Indonesia November 24-28, 2014. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 36th Session of the CCNFSDU and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2014 from 1:00-4:00 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, Rooms (1A-001 & 1A002), College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 36th Session of the CCNFSDU will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Paula Trumbo, U.S. Delegate to the 36th Session of the CCNFSDU, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [CCNFSDU@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CCNFSDU@fda.hhs.gov).

*Pre-Registration:* To pre-register for this meeting, please email the information listed below to the following email address: [CCNFSDU@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CCNFSDU@fda.hhs.gov).

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*Call in Number:* If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 36th Session of the CCNFSDU by conference call, please use call in number and participant code listed below:

Call in Number: 1-866-844-9904.

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 36th Session of the CCNFSDU Contact:* Paula Trumbo, Nutrition Programs, Office of Nutrition, Labeling and Dietary Supplements, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, HFS-830, College Park, MD

<sup>2</sup> Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, Public Law 103-354, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3178.