

implementing food package and other cost containment measures. This study will gather information on the cost-containment practices.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of this study is to gather information on the major types of cost containment practices used by the 90 WIC SAs, assess the effectiveness of various practices, and identify those practices that effectively constrain the cost of WIC foods with few or no adverse effects on program outcomes. To fulfill this purpose, primary and administrative data will be collected from WIC SA directors, WIC SA staff, WIC participants, and former WIC participants. FNS will use the findings from this study to share with WIC SAs food item cost containment practices that are effective at reducing WIC food costs, as recommended by the OIG.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households, and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 6,565.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,356.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2017-0004]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food

AGENCY: Office of Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of 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 2, 2017. 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 11th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil April 3-7, 2017. The Office of Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the

11th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, Room 1A-001, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 11th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 11th Session of the CCCF, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration: Attendees may register electronically at the same email address provided above by February 24, 2017. The meeting will be held in a Federal building. Early registration is encouraged as it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Person who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but wish to participate, may do so by phone.

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 11th Session of the CCCF by conference call, please use the call-in-number and the participant code below.

Call-in-Number: 1-888-844-9904

Participant Code: 5126092FOR

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 11TH

SESSION OF THE CCCF CONTACT: Henry Kim, Ph.D., Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, HFS-317, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (240) 402-2023, Email: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Henry Kim, Ph.D., Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, HFS-317, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (301) 436-2023, Email: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

Background

The 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 the food trade.

The CCCF is responsible for:

(a) Establishing or endorsing permitted maximum levels, and where necessary revising existing guideline levels for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(b) Preparing priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA);

(c) Considering and elaborating methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(d) Considering and elaborating standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and

(e) Considering other matters assigned to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The Committee is chaired by the Netherlands.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 11th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the CCCF by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies;

- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations;

- Proposed draft annex on ergot and ergot alkaloids in cereal grains (Annex to the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals);

- Proposed draft revision of maximum levels for lead in selected fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed) in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed;

- Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Arsenic Contamination in Rice;

- Proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products;

- Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Spices;

- Proposed draft maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready to eat peanuts;

- Discussion paper on maximum levels for methylmercury in tuna and other fish;
- Discussion paper on development of maximum levels for mycotoxin contamination in spices;
- Discussion paper on possible inclusion of non-dioxin like PCBs in the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Dioxin and Dioxin-like PCB Contamination in Food and Feed; and
- Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants proposed for evaluation by JECFA.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat before the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the March 2, 2017 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 emailed to Dr. Henry Kim (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 11th Session of the CCCF.

Additional Public Notification

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Send your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by mail, fax, or email: *Mail:* U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410, Fax: (202) 690-7442.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: February 15, 2017.

Paulo Almeida,

Acting U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Foreign Agricultural Service to request approval for a new information collection for the USDA's Emerging Markets Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: FAS 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 or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at the site for submitting comments.

- *Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Curt Alt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6512, Washington, DC 20250.

- *Hand or courier delivered submittals:* Deliver to Curt Alt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6512, Washington, DC 20250.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the agency name. 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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Alt, Director, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 6512, Washington, DC 20250-1034, telephone: (202) 690-4784, email: PODAdmin@FAS.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Emerging Markets Program.

OMB Number: 0551—New.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: Under the USDA Emerging Markets Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for resources to implement activities authorized under the program. Recipients of grants under the program must submit performance and financial reports as set forth in the Emerging Market Program regulations, located at 7 CFR part 1486. Submitted information is used to develop effective grant agreements and assure that statutory requirements and program objectives are met.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collection under the USDA Emerging Markets Program varies in direct relation to the number and type of agreements entered into by such respondent. The estimated average reporting burden for the USDA Emerging Markets Program is 6.4 hours per response.