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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 15, 2018.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by March 23, 2018 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs

potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Self Certification Medical Statement.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0196.

Summary of Collection: The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for ensuring consumers that food and farm products are moved from producer to consumer in the most efficient, dependable, economical, and equitable system possible. Each year, the United States Department of Agriculture's Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP) agency hires individuals for commodity grading and inspection positions to ensure this process is efficient and effective. These positions often involve arduous conditions and require direct contact with meat, dairy, fresh or processed fruits and vegetables, and poultry intended for human consumption; and cotton and tobacco products intended for consumer use. 5 CFR part 339 authorizes an agency to request medical information from an applicant that may assist management with employment decisions concerning covered positions that have specific medical or physical fitness requirements. APHIS will collect the applicant's medical information using MRP Form 5 (Self-Certification Medical Statement).

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected from prospective employees assists MRP officials, administrative personnel, and servicing Human Resources Offices in determining an applicant's physical fitness and suitability for employment in positions with approved medical standards and physical requirements. If the information was not collected, APHIS would not be able to accurately determine the applicant's fitness to safely perform the duties of the covered positions.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 606.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 102.

Ruth Brown,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2018-0002]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are sponsoring a public meeting on March 15, 2018. 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 50th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Haikou, China between April 9 and 14, 2018. The Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety and the EPA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 50th Session of the CCPR and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the EPA, Room PYS-4350, One Potomac Yard South, 2777 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Documents related to the 50th Session of the CCPR are accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/en/>.

Captain David Miller, U.S. Delegate to the 50th Session of the CCPR, and the USDA invite interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to

the following email address:

Miller.Davidj@epa.gov.

Call-In-Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 50th Session of the CCPR by conference call, please use the call-in-number and participant code listed below:

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

Participant Code: 5126092

For Further Information About the 50th Session of the CCPR Contact: Captain David Miller, Chief, Chemistry & Exposure Branch and Acting Chief, Toxicology & Epidemiology Branch, Health Effects Division, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: (703) 305-5352, Fax: (703) 305-5147, Email: Miller.Davidj@epa.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Agriculture Building, Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization (FAO/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 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 CCPR is hosted by China. The U.S. attends this committee as a member country of the Codex Alimentarius.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 50th Session of the CCPR will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Proposed draft and draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed for selected commodity groups (including seeds for beverages and sweets);
- Proposed draft tables on examples of representative commodities (including seeds for beverages and sweets);
- Electronic Working Group Outcomes on the Proposed New Work on the Possible Revision of the International Estimated Short-Term Intake (IESTI) equations;
- Establishment of Codex Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides for evaluation by JMPR;
- Electronic Working Group Outcomes on the possible establishment of a Codex database of national registration of pesticides; and
- Other Business and Future Work.

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

Public Meeting

At the March 15, 2018, 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 Captain David Miller, U.S. Delegate for the 50th Session of the CCPR (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 50th Session of the CCPR.

Additional Public Notification

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, *Fax:* (202) 690-7442, *Email:* program.intake@usda.gov.

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Done at Washington, DC, on February 14, 2018.

Marie Maratos,

Acting U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-12-2018]

Foreign-Trade Zone 135—Palm Beach, Florida; Application for Reorganization and Expansion Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by