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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Codex Office

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on October 9, 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 Food Hygiene (CCFH) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in Panama City, Panama on November 12–16, 2018. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 50th Session of the CCFH and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 50th Session of the CCFH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en>.

Jenny Scott, U.S. Delegate to the 50th Session of the CCFH, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [Jenny.Scott@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Jenny.Scott@fda.hhs.gov).

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 50th Session of the CCFH by conference call, please use the call-in-number listed below:

Call-In-Number: 1-888-844-9904.

The participant code will be posted on the web page below: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/>

[topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

About the 50th Session Of The CCFH: Jenny Scott, Senior Advisor, Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Drive HFS-300, Room 3B-014. College Park, MD 20740-3835 Phone: +1 (240) 402-2166. Fax: +1 (301) 436-2632. Email: [Jenny.Scott@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Jenny.Scott@fda.hhs.gov).

About the Public Meeting: Barbara McNiff, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250 Phone: (202) 690-4719, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: [Barbara.McNiff@osec.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.McNiff@osec.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Registration

Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing [Barbara.McNiff@osec.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.McNiff@osec.usda.gov) by October 3, 2018. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone, as discussed above.

##### 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 fair practices in the food trade.

The CCFH is responsible for:

- Developing basic provisions on food hygiene, applicable to all food or to specific food types;
- Considering and amending or endorsing provisions on food hygiene contained in Codex commodity standards and codes of practice developed by Codex commodity committees;
- Considering specific food hygiene problems assigned to it by the Commission;
- Suggesting and prioritizing areas where there is a need for microbiological risk assessment at the international level and developing questions to be addressed by the risk assessors; and

- Considering microbiological risk management matters in relation to food hygiene and in relation to the FAO/WHO risk assessments.

The CCFH is hosted by the United States. The 50th Session will be co-hosted by Panama and will convene in Panama City.

#### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

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

- Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies to the Food Hygiene
- Matters arising from the Work of FAO and WHO, including the Joint Expert Meeting on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA)
- Information from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- Proposed draft revision of the General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC 1-1969) and its HACCP Annex
  - Comments in reply to CL 2018/69-FH
- Revision to the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (CXC 52-2003): Placement for the guidance on histamine control; amendments to other sections, and revisions to the section on sampling, examination and analyses related to histamine food safety
  - Comments in reply to CL 2018/70-FH
- Proposed draft code of practice on food allergen management for food business operators
  - Comments in reply to CL 2018/71-FH
- Proposed draft guidance for the management of (micro) biological foodborne crises/outbreaks
  - Comments in reply to CL 2018/72-FH
- Discussion paper on future work on Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC)
- Other business and Future Work
  - Proposals in reply to CL 2018/35-FH)

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

#### Public Meeting

At the October 9 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 Jenny Scott, U.S. Delegate for the 50th Session of the CCFH (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 50th Session of the CCFH.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>. The U.S. Codex Office also offers an email 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/subscribe>. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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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, Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Colorado Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of bi-monthly planning meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a meeting of the Colorado Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call and video conference at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, October 5, 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for project planning.

**DATES:** Friday, October 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. (EDT).

##### *Public Call-In Information:*

Conference call number: 1-888-395-3237 and conference call ID: 1659256.

##### *Video Conference Information:*

Joining the meeting using audio and visual is a two-step process: For audio, dial: 1-888-395-3237; ID: 1659256. For video: Go to this link to register and join the meeting: <https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=gexk5a8wrwg9&campaign=1kmq4ekr1j4l>. Note: although video conference is available, it is not required in order to listen to the conference call via audio.

If you have difficulty with the video link, try a browser other than Explorer or contact ReadyTalk Technical Support at: 1-800-843-9166. Note: Upon receipt of your registration confirmation email, you will receive a link to test your computer before the meeting, it would be advisable to do so.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Evelyn Bohor, [ebohor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebohor@usccr.gov) or by phone at 303-866-1040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call number: 1-888-395-3237 and conference call ID: 1659256; video conference link: <https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=gexk5a8wrwg9&campaign=1kmq4ekr1j4l>.

Please be advised that, before being placed into the conference call, the

conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number provided.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call number: 1-888-395-3237 and conference call 1659256.

Members of the public are invited to make statements during the open comment period of the meeting or submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294, faxed to (303) 866-1040, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at [ebohor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebohor@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866-1040.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=238>; click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

#### Agenda

- I. Roll Call
- II. Project Planning
- III. Other Business
- IV. Adjournment

Dated: September 17, 2018.

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