

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2021–0023]

#### Addition of Malaysia to the List of Regions Affected With African Swine Fever

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that we have added Malaysia to the list of regions that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service considers to be affected with African swine fever (ASF). We have taken this action because of confirmation of ASF in Malaysia.

**DATES:** Malaysia was added to the APHIS list of regions considered affected with ASF on March 2, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. John Grabau, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Venture II, Raleigh, NC 27606; Phone: (919) 855–7738; email: [AskRegionalization@usda.gov](mailto:AskRegionalization@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of specified animals and animal products to prevent introduction into the United States of various animal diseases, including African swine fever (ASF). ASF is a highly contagious animal disease of wild and domestic swine. It can spread rapidly in swine populations with extremely high rates of morbidity and mortality. A list of regions where ASF exists or is reasonably believed to exist is maintained on the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import->

*information/animal-health-status-of-regions/*. This list is referenced in § 94.8(a)(2) of the regulations.

Section 94.8(a)(3) of the regulations states that APHIS will add a region to the list referenced in § 94.8(a)(2) upon determining ASF exists in the region, based on reports APHIS receives of outbreaks of the disease from veterinary officials of the exporting country, from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), or from other sources the Administrator determines to be reliable, or upon determining that there is reason to believe the disease exists in the region. Section 94.8(a)(1) of the regulations specifies the criteria on which the Administrator bases the reason to believe ASF exists in a region. Section 94.8(b) prohibits importation of pork and pork products from regions listed in accordance with § 94.8, except if processed and treated in accordance with the provisions specified in that section or consigned to an APHIS-approved establishment for further processing. Section 96.2 restricts the importation of swine casings that originated in or were processed in a region where ASF exists, as listed under § 94.8(a).

On February 19, 2021, the veterinary authorities of Malaysia reported to the OIE the occurrence of ASF in that country. Therefore, in response to this outbreak, on March 2, 2021, APHIS added Malaysia to the list of regions where ASF exists or is reasonably believed to exist. This notice serves as an official record and public notification of that action.

As a result, pork and pork products from Malaysia, including casings, are subject to APHIS import restrictions designed to mitigate the risk of ASF introduction into the United States.

#### Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this action as not a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, 7781–7786, and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of June 2021.

**Jack Shere,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Codex Office

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

**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 September 1, 2021. 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 46th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, to be held virtually, September 27–October 1, 2021 with the report adoption on October 7, 2021. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 46th Session of the CCFL and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2021, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 46th Session of the CCFL will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFL&session=46>.

Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 46th Session of the CCFL, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov).

**Registration:** Attendees must register to attend the public meeting by emailing [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by August 30, 2021. Early registration is encouraged.

For Further Information about the 46th Session of the CCFL, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Douglas Balentine, [douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov).

For Further Information about the public meeting Contact: U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone (202) 720-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@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. 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 Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) are:

- (a) To draft provisions on labeling applicable to all foods;
- (b) to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse draft specific provisions on labeling prepared by the Codex Committees drafting standards, codes of practice and guidelines;
- (c) to study specific labeling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and,
- (d) to study problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions.

The CCFL is hosted by Canada. The United States attends the CCFL as a member country of Codex.

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

The following items on the Agenda for the 46th Session of the CCFL will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Matters referred to the Committee by the CAC and other Codex Subsidiary Bodies
- Matters of interest from FAO and WHO
- Consideration of labeling provisions in draft Codex standards (endorsement)
- Draft Guidance for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers
- Proposed draft Guidelines on Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling
- Proposed draft Guidelines on internet sales/e-commerce
- Proposed draft revision to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods—Provisions relevant to allergen labeling

- Proposed draft Guidance on Precautionary Allergen Labelling
- Innovation—use of technology in food labelling (discussion paper)
- Labelling of alcoholic beverages (discussion paper)
- Labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats (discussion paper)
- Future work and direction of CCFL (discussion paper) (request for information through CL2020/08–FL)
- Approach and criteria for evaluation and prioritization of work of CCFL (request for comments through CL2020/09/OCS–FL)

##### Public Meeting

At the September 1, 2021, 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 Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate for the 46th Session of the CCFL (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 46th Session of the CCFL.

##### 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 USDA web page located at: <http://www.usda.gov/codex>, a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscription themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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Done at Washington, DC, on June 30, 2021.

**Mary Lowe,**

*U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Emergency Allotments (COVID–19)

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

This collection is an extension, without change, of a currently approved collection for activities associated with administering emergency allotments (EA) waivers. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, enacted March 18, 2020, includes a general provision that allows the Department of Agriculture to issue emergency allotments (EA) waivers based on a public health emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act related to an outbreak of COVID–19 when a State has also issued an emergency or disaster declaration.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before September 7, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to: Kelly Stewart, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone 703–305–2425. Comments may also be submitted via email to [Kelly.stewart@usda.gov](mailto:Kelly.stewart@usda.gov). Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal.