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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles

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 14, 2023, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. EDT. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 33rd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will meet in Bordeaux, France from October 2–6, 2023. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 33rd Session of the CCGP and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 33rd Session of the CCGP will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCGP&session=33>.

Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate to the 33rd Session of CCGP, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: maryfrances.lowe@usda.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the

following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceCtqToiHQmKptH0CiUn35LTAXhR7Hc>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 33rd session of CCGP, contact U.S. Delegate, Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius, Office of the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 205–7760, maryfrances.lowe@usda.gov. You may also contact the U.S. Codex Office by email at: uscodex@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission 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 Terms of Reference for the Codex Committee on General Principles are:

To deal with such procedural and general matters as are referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including:

(a) the review or endorsement of procedural provisions/texts forwarded by other subsidiary bodies for inclusion in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission; and

(b) the consideration and recommendation of other amendments to the Procedural Manual. The CCGP is hosted by France. The United States attends the CCGP as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 33rd Session of CCGP will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by CAC and other subsidiary bodies
- Information on activities of FAO and WHO relevant to the work of CCGP
- Codex *Procedural Manual*: presentation of new format and observations on consistency and superseded content

- *Procedural Manual*: Proposed update to the Guide to the Procedure for the Amendment and Revision of Codex Standards and Related text

- Review and possible amendments to the rules of procedure on Sessions of the Commission

- Review and possible amendment of the Principles concerning the participation of international non-governmental organizations in the work of the CAC

- Other business and future work

Public Meeting

At the public meeting on September 14, 2023, 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 Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate to the 33rd Session of CCGP, at maryfrances.lowe@usda.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 33rd Session of CCGP.

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 Codex 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 subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Done at Washington, DC, on August 4, 2023.

Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Directive Publication Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service (Forest Service or Agency), U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides direction to employees through issuances in its Directive System, comprised of the Forest Service Manual and Forest Service Handbooks. The Agency must provide public notice of and opportunity to comment on any directives that formulate standards, criteria, or guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs. Once per quarter, the Agency provides advance notice of proposed and interim directives that will be made available for public comment during the next three months and notice of final directives issued in the last three months.

DATES: This notice identifies proposed and interim directives that will be published for public comment between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023; proposed and interim directives that were previously published for public comment but not yet finalized and issued; and final directives that have been issued since April 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments may be submitted by email to the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JoLynn Anderson, 971-313-1718 or

jolynn.anderson@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the deaf and hard of hearing may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays. You may register to receive email alerts regarding Forest Service directives at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed and Interim Directives

Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1612(a) and 36 CFR part 216, the Forest Service publishes for public comment Agency directives that formulate standards, criteria, and guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs. Agency procedures for providing public notice and opportunity to comment are specified in Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1109.12, chapter 30, Providing Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment on Directives.

The following proposed directives are planned for publication for public comment from July 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023:

1. Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2000, National Forest Resource Management, chapter 40, National Forest System Monitoring (previously published April 19, 2023 (88 FR 24147) as planned for publication for public comment).
2. FSM 2300, Recreation, Wilderness, and Related Resource Management, chapter 50, section 55, Climbing Management (previously published April 19, 2023 (88 FR 24147) as planned for publication for public comment).

The following proposed and interim directives have been published for public comment but have not yet been finalized:

1. FSM 2200, Rangeland Management, chapters Zero Code; 2210, Rangeland Management Planning; 2220, Management of Rangelands (Reserved); 2230, Grazing Permit System; 2240, Rangeland Improvements; 2250, Rangeland Management Cooperation; and 2270, Information Management and Reports; FSH 2209.13, Grazing Permit Administration Handbook, chapters 10, Term Grazing Permits; 20, Grazing Agreements; 40, Livestock Use Permits; 50, Tribal Treaty Authorizations and Special Use Permits; and 90, Rangeland Management Decision Making; and FSH 2209.16, Allotment Management Handbook, chapter 10, Allotment Management and Administration.
2. FSM 3800, Landscape Scale Restoration Program.

3. FSH 2409.12, Timber Cruising Handbook, chapters 30, Cruising Systems; 40, Cruise Planning, Data Recording, and Cruise Reporting; 60,

Quality Control; and 70, Designating Timber for Cutting; FSH 2409.15, Timber Sale Administration Handbook, chapters 20, Measuring and Accounting for Included Timber; 40, Rates and Payments; and 60, Operations and Other Provisions.

4. FSH 5509.11, Title Claims, Sales, and Grants Handbook, chapter 10, Title Claims and Encroachments.

Final Directives That Have Been Issued Since April 1, 2023

Final FSH 2209.13, Grazing Permit Administration Handbook, chapters 30, Temporary Grazing and Livestock Use Permits; 60, Records; and 70, Compensation for Permittee Interests in Rangeland Improvements, have been issued since April 1, 2023.

FSH 2209.13, chapters 30, 60, and 70, are the second batch of Grazing Permit Administration Handbook chapters being updated from a total of 17 chapters. Final FSH 2209.13, chapter 80, was issued March 6, 2023. The rangeland management directives in the FSM and FSH are being updated in batches to provide greater management flexibility and improve the clarity of policies and procedures guiding responsible and consistent management of grazing on National Forest System lands. The remaining chapters in FSM 2200, Rangeland Management, FSH 2209.13, and FSH 2209.16, Allotment Management Handbook, are being reviewed and will be published for public comment later.

The 60-day comment period for the proposed directives began December 18, 2020, closed February 16, 2021, and was extended for 60 days to April 17, 2021. The response to comments on all 17 proposed directives can be viewed at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-2514>. Final chapters 30, 60, and 70 were issued June 30, 2023, and can be viewed at https://www.fs.usda.gov/im/directives/fsh/2209.13/wo_2209.13_30-Amend%202023-2.docx; https://www.fs.usda.gov/im/directives/fsh/2209.13/wo_2209.13_60-Amend%202023-3.docx; and https://www.fs.usda.gov/im/directives/fsh/2209.13/wo_2209.13_70-Amend%202023-4.docx.

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