

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 of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) are:

- (a) to draft basic provisions on food hygiene applicable to all food;
- (b) to consider, amend if necessary and endorse provisions on hygiene prepared by Codex commodity committees and contained in Codex commodity standards, and
- (c) to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse provisions on hygiene prepared by Codex commodity committees and contained in Codex codes of practice unless, in specific cases, the Commission has decided otherwise, or
- (d) to draft provisions on hygiene applicable to specific food items or food groups, whether coming within the terms of reference of a Codex commodity committee or not;
- (e) to consider specific hygiene problems assigned to it by the Commission;
- (f) to suggest and prioritize areas where there is a need for microbiological risk assessment at the international level and to develop questions to be addressed by the risk assessors; and,
- (g) to consider microbiological risk management matters in relation to food hygiene and in relation to the risk assessment of FAO and WHO.
- (h) (The term “hygiene” includes, where necessary, microbiological specifications for food and associated methodology.)

The CCFH is hosted by the United States, and the 54th Session of the CCFH will be co-hosted with Kenya.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the forthcoming Agenda for the 54th Session of the CCFH will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies
- Matters arising from the work of FAO and WHO (including the FAO/

WHO Joint Expert Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessments (JEMRA)

- Information from the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)
- Guidelines for the Control of Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) in Raw Beef, Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses, and Sprouts
 - Proposed draft Annex II on Fresh Leafy Vegetables at Step 4
 - Proposed draft Annex IV on Sprouts at Step 4
- Guidelines for the Safe Use and Reuse of Water in Food Production (Annex II on Fishery Products at Step 4 and Annex III on Dairy Products at Step 4)
 - Proposed draft revision on the *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Pathogenic Vibrio Species in Seafood* (CXG 73–2010) at Step 4
 - Proposed draft Guidelines for Food Hygiene Control Measures in Traditional Markets for Food at Step 4
- Alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised *General Principles of Food Hygiene* (CXC 1–1969)
- Revision of the *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses in Food* (CXG 79–2012)
- Discussion paper on the Revision of *Guidelines for the Control of Campylobacter and Salmonella in Chicken Meat* (CXG 78–2011)
- Discussion paper on the revision of *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Listeria monocytogenes in Foods* (CXG 61–2007)
- Other business and future work
 - New work/Forward workplan (Proposals in reply to CL 2023/30–FH)

Public Meeting

At the February 5, 2024, 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. Benjamin Warren, U.S. Delegate to the 54th Session of the CCFH, at benjamin.warren@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 54th 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 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 December 21, 2023.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meetings of the New Mexico Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of virtual business meetings.

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 that the New Mexico Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a series of virtual business meetings via ZoomGov on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing their report on education adequacy for Native American students.

DATES: These meetings will take place on:

- Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m. MT
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m. MT
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m. MT
- Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m. MT

ADDRESSES:

Link to Join: (Audio/Visual)

- Thursday, January 18th: <https://www.zoomgov.com/join/1614508698?pwd=SjJjDd2t2NDg0WExuSDRPTeG0MHc1dz09>
- Tuesday, February 6th: <https://www.zoomgov.com/join/1601766742?pwd=dLRXWlJxRUtuNUR0VzNyMlVUeHpDZz09>
- Tuesday, March 5th: <https://www.zoomgov.com/join/1608506313?pwd=Y21ia3ZDemR4YWZuR0lRR3NrZTgrUT09>
- Thursday, March 28th: <https://www.zoomgov.com/join/1609779704?pwd=ZTFPOUQ0MitzdURoQ1JiQlZ4czYwQT09>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brooke Peery, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at bpeery@usccr.gov or (202) 701-1376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee meetings are available to the public through the videoconference link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are

deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Angelica Trevino, Support Services Specialist, atrevino@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to Brooke Peery (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at: <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t0000001gzLGAAG>.

Please click on the “Meeting Details” and “Documents” links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission’s website, <https://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at bpeery@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Committee Discussion
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: December 21, 2023.

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Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of 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 Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by virtual web conference on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. Atlantic Time and

2:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The purpose is to continue discussion on their project on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico.

DATES: January 24, 2024, Wednesday, at 3:30 p.m. Atlantic Time (2:30 p.m. ET).

ADDRESSES: Meeting will be held via Zoom.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

<https://tinyurl.com/mwb3kvcc>

Join by Phone (Audio Only): 1-833 435

1820 USA Toll Free; Meeting ID: 160

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Email Victoria Moreno, Designated Federal Officer at vmoreno@usccr.gov, or by phone at 434-515-0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will take place in Spanish with English interpretation. This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. 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. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email ebonor@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Victoria Moreno at vmoreno@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-312-353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Puerto Rico Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission’s website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may