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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Public Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

AGENCY: African Development Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) will hold its quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the agency's programs and administration. This meeting will occur at the USADF office.

DATES: The meeting date is Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is USADF, 1400 I St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerline Perry, (202) 233-8805.

Authority: Public Law 96-533 (22 U.S.C. 290h).

Dated: February 8, 2024.

Wendy Carver,
Business Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

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 March 19, 2024. 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 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. CCFA54 will convene in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China from April 22-26, 2024. 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 54th Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place in a hybrid format. The on-site location is Meeting Room 1A-001 and 1A-002 at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740-3835. Documents related to the 54th Session of the CCFA will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/it/?meeting=CCFA&session=54>.

Dr. Daniel Folmer, U.S. Alternate Delegate to the 54th Session of the CCFA, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Daniel.Folmer@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: In-person attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following email address: ccfa@cfsan.fda.gov. Virtual attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://fda.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscuqvqTwiGKBCWt0kic2WOMeTXzyGcdo>. Attendees should register by March 14, 2024. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For further information about the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office by email at: uscodex@usda.gov or Dr. LaShonda Cureton by phone at (240) 402-1351 or by email at Lashonda.Cureton@fda.hhs.gov.

For further information about the 54th session of CCFA, contact U.S. Alternate Delegate, Dr. Daniel Folmer, by phone at (240) 402-1274 or by email at Daniel.Folmer@fda.hhs.gov, or Dr. LaShonda Cureton by phone at (240)

402-1351 or by email at Lashonda.Cureton@fda.hhs.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 of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) are:

(a) to establish or endorse permitted maximum levels for individual food additives;

(b) to prepare priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives;

(c) to assign functional classes to individual food additives;

(d) to recommend specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by the Commission;

(e) to consider methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and

(f) to consider and elaborate standards or codes for related subjects such as the labelling of food additives when sold as such.

The CCFA is hosted by China. The United States attends the CCFA as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 54th Session of the CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies
- Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 96th and 97th Meetings of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)
- Proposed draft specifications for identity and purity of food additives arising from the 96th and 97th JECFA meetings
- Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives

and processing aids in Codex standards

- Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the electronic working group (EWG) on Alignment
- *General Standard for Food Additives* (GFSA): Report of the EWG on the GSFA
- *General Standard for Food Additives* (GFSA): Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to circular letter (CL) 2023/46-FA)
- Proposed draft revision to the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989)
- Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2023/47-FA)
- Discussion paper on divergence between the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA), Codex commodity standards and other texts- Identification of outstanding issues
- Discussion paper on the development of a standard for yeast
- Other Business and Future Work

Public Meeting

At the public meeting on March 19, 2024, 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. Daniel Folmer, U.S. Alternate Delegate to the 54th Session of the CCFSA, at Daniel.Folmer@fda.hhs.gov.

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 February 5, 2024.

Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): 2024/2025 Income Eligibility Guidelines

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture ("Department") announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: Applicable date July 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Post, Chief, WIC Administration, Benefits, and Certification Branch, Policy Division, FNS, USDA, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, 703-457-7708.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29100, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22675, May 31, 1984).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income-eligible for the WIC Program if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted.

Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The annual revision for 2024 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 89 FR 2961 on January 17, 2024. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the "poverty guidelines."

Program Regulations at 7 CFR 246.7(d)(1) specify that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals, or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local