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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

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 3, 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 44th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU44) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will convene in Dresden, Germany, from October 2–6, 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 44th Session of the CCNFSDU and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2024, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 44th Session of the CCNFSDU will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=44>.

Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 44th Session of the CCNFSDU, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceuoqz4oHyMYdr-E7FAlhAe9uJbwt7w>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 44th Session of the CCNFSDU, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Douglas Balentine, Senior Science Advisor, International Nutrition Policy, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, by phone at (240) 672–7292 or email at douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov. For an additional information about the public meeting, 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 of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) are:

(a) To study specific nutritional problems assigned to it by the Commission and advise the Commission on general nutrition issues;

(b) To draft general provisions, as appropriate, concerning the nutritional aspects of all foods;

(c) To develop standards, guidelines, or related texts for foods for special dietary uses, in cooperation with other committees where necessary;

(d) To consider, amend if necessary, and endorse provisions on nutritional aspects proposed for inclusion in Codex standards, guidelines, and related texts.

The CCNFSDU is hosted by Germany. The United States attends the CCNFSDU as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the Agenda for the 44th Session of the CCNFSDU

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 FAO and WHO
- Nutrient Reference Values—Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6–36 months
- General principles for the establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6–36 months
- Technological justification for several food additives
- Prioritization mechanism/emerging issues or new work proposals
- Guideline for the preliminary assessment to identify and prioritize new work for CCNFSDU
- Proposals for new work/emerging issues (replies to CL 2024/52–NFSDU)
- Discussion paper on harmonized probiotic guidelines for use in foods and food supplements
- Review of texts under the purview of CCNFSDU
- Discussion paper on the use of fructans, beta-carotene, lycopene in *Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants* (CXS 72–1981)
- Discussion paper on methods of assessing the sweetness of carbohydrate sources in the *Standard for Follow-up Formula* (CXS 156–1987)
- Other business and future work

Public Meeting

At the September 3, 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. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 44th Session of the CCNFSDU, at douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 44th Session of the CCNFSDU.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket Number FSIS-2022-0032]

Availability of Guidance for Residue Prevention

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: FSIS is announcing the availability of its updated guideline for the prevention of violative residues in meat and poultry slaughter establishments.

DATES: Comments on the guideline must be received on or before August 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: A downloadable version of the revised compliance guide is available to view and print at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/compliance-guidance>.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this document. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- **Hand- or Courier-Delivered Submittals:** Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2022-0032. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call 202-720-5046 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. National Residue Program (NRP) is administered by FSIS to collect data on chemical residues in domestic and imported meat, poultry, and egg products and to keep products that are adulterated because of illegal residues out of commerce. FSIS collects samples of meat, poultry, and egg products at egg products plants, official establishments and official import inspection establishments and analyzes the samples at FSIS laboratories for chemical residues of veterinary drugs, pesticides, and environmental contaminants. Through this testing, FSIS verifies that establishments maintain adequate residue control in

their Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems. As part of the HACCP regulation under 9 CFR part 417, establishments are required to conduct a hazard analysis and to consider the food safety hazards that are reasonably likely to occur, including drug and other chemical residues.

FSIS is announcing that it has revised its *FSIS Guideline for Residue Prevention*, which was last issued on May 29, 2013 (78 FR 32235). The guideline is intended to help establishments meet FSIS requirements regarding violative residue prevention. FSIS updated the guideline in response to frequent askFSIS questions. FSIS also revised the guideline to provide updates based on up-to-date science, incorporate new information on purchase specifications and documentation that can be used to support that violative residues are not reasonably likely to occur and provide guidance for establishments that perform residue testing. Additionally, FSIS updated the guideline to clarify how residues influence New Swine Inspection System sorting procedures and FSIS Kidney Inhibition Swab (KISTM) testing procedures. Furthermore, FSIS made changes to the guideline to improve its readability. The updated guideline is available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/compliance-guidance>.

This guideline represents FSIS' current thinking on residue prevention and should be considered usable as of the date of its issuance. The information in the guideline is provided to assist meat and poultry establishments in meeting regulatory requirements. The contents of the guideline do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. The guideline is intended only to provide clarity to industry regarding existing requirements under the regulations.

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