

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) continually encounters problems in responding to internal and external requests for reliable raw cane sugar and refined sugar price data. Sugar price data are used in the administration of the sugar program to forecast the likelihood of loan collateral forfeitures and to determine the adequacy of domestic sugar supply to meet demand at reasonable prices. Buyers and sellers of sugar and sugar-containing products also are interested in obtaining additional price data for gauging market activities. Comments are solicited from all parties on the collection of monthly average sugar prices, the value of publishing aggregate price data, as well as the costs and benefits of this data collection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments on this advance notice must be received on or before August 8, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Director, Dairy and Sweeteners Analysis Group, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0516, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0516 or fax (202) 690-1480.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Colacicco at the above address or fax, or telephone (202) 690-0734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156(h) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, 7 U.S.C. § 7272, authorizes the Department of Agriculture to collect, on a monthly basis, information as the Secretary may require to administer sugar programs, including sales of sugarcane, sugar beets, and sugar, and production, importation, distribution, and stock levels of sugar. The Department is authorized to collect such data from sugarcane processors, sugar beet processors, and cane sugar refiners. Data presently available to FSA and the public to forecast loan collateral forfeitures, to determine the adequacy of domestic sugar supply, and to develop price forecasting models is considered less than adequate.

To improve data availability, FSA could collect price data from sugarcane processors, sugar beet processors, and cane sugar refiners. Such data could represent the monthly average selling prices of raw sugar and refined sugar sold in bulk, or, spot prices could be collected. Prices could be f.o.b. plant or destination. Bulk sales could be defined as only unpackaged sugar sales. Alternatively, bulk sales could include sales made in 100 pound bags, or larger,

adjusting these sales prices to exclude package costs.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of raw and refined sugar price data is necessary for the proper administration of the sugar program; (2) the price data to be collected; (3) estimates of the burden of price reporting on cane processors, sugar beet processors, and cane sugar refiners; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of price information from those who would respond; and (5) the advantages and disadvantages of publishing aggregate price data.

After the consideration of comments received in response to this advance notice, FSA will publish a notice.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 3, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-043 N]

Meeting; Fresh Produce Subcommittee of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Fresh Produce Subcommittee of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods will hold a public meeting on July 24 and 25, 1997, to discuss detection and control of *Cyclospora*, a pathogen found on fresh fruits and vegetables.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 24 and 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 737-2200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested persons may file comments before and after the meeting. Address all comments to Dr. Richard L. Ellis, Director, Scientific Research Oversight Staff, Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Suite 6913 Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20250-3700 or FAX to (202) 501-7628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subcommittee will be discussing *Cyclospora* on fresh produce and the draft white paper on foodborne outbreaks related to raspberries, lettuce,

and other produce that the subcommittee is preparing. A final research paper will be presented at the next full session of the Committee in August 1997. The Subcommittee meeting is open to the public on a space available basis.

The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed.

Done at Washington, DC, on July 7, 1997.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

The Director's Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

July 7, 1997.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency announces the following Advisory Committee meetings:

Name: The Director's Advisory Committee (DirAC).

Dates: July 16, 17 and 18, 1997, August 18 and 19, 1997, September 29 and 30, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: State Department Building, 320 21st Street, N.W., Room 4930, Washington, D.C.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact: Robert Sherman, Executive Director, Director's Advisory Committee, Room 5844, Washington D.C. 20451, (202) 647-4622.

Purpose of Advisory Committee: To advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency respecting scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

Purpose of the Meetings: The Committee will review specific arms control, nonproliferation, and verification issues. Members will be briefed on current U.S. policy and issues regarding negotiations such as the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Conventional Weapons Convention. Members will also be briefed on issues regarding the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions. Members will exchange information and concepts with key ACDA personnel. All meetings will be held in Executive Session.

Reason for Closing: The DirAC members will be reviewing and discussing matters specifically authorized by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Authority to Close Meetings: The closing of the meetings is in accordance with a