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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-96-00-2]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: September 18, 1996 at 12:30 p.m. through September 20, 1996 at 5 p.m. for the NOSB.

PLACE: Radisson Hotel City Centre, 31 Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Phone: (317) 635-2000. All meetings of the NOSB will be held at that address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harold S. Ricker, Staff Director, NOSB, Room 2945 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, Transportation and Marketing Division, National Program Staff, Post Office Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456. Phone (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACT Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*) requires establishment of a NOSB. The purpose of the Board is to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects of the implementation of Title XXI of the FACT Act. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, D.C. in March 1992 and currently has five subcommittees to work on various aspects of the program. The subcommittees are: Crops Standards;

Processing, Labelling and Packaging; Livestock Standards; Accreditation; and International Issues. At the last meeting, the NOSB continued the review of substances for consideration for the National List as allowed synthetics for use in organic production and processing. Technical advisory panels provided information on approximately 78 substances for NOSB consideration. The NOSB reviewed the materials and determined whether they would be considered non-synthetic or synthetic. If synthetic, then the NOSB determined whether they should be placed on the list of allowed synthetic substances for use in organic processing and production. Approximately 45 substances were placed on the allowed synthetic list. Others were determined to be non-synthetic or required more information.

Purpose and Agenda

The main focus of this meeting is to continue the discussion of additional materials for consideration for placement on the National List of allowed synthetics and prohibited natural substances for use in organic production and processing of organic foods. Main emphasis will be placed on the review of approximately 30 substances for which a review has been conducted by the technical advisory panel. Additional topics to be covered in the full NOSB meeting include: cotton dyes and biotechnology.

A final agenda will be available on September 3, 1996. Persons requesting copies should contact Ms. Karen Thomas at the above address or phone (202) 720-3252.

Type of Meeting

All meetings will be open to the public. Individuals and organizations wishing to provide written comments on these issues or to comment orally on any organic issues should forward the request to Harold S. Ricker at the above address or FAX to (202) 690-3924 by September 13, 1996, in order to be scheduled. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Wednesday, September 18, 1996, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 5:30 p.m. While people may sign up to speak at the door, advance scheduling assures an opportunity in the time allowed and helps the NOSB plan its activities. Each individual or organization will be allocated 10 minutes for presenting

orally the key issues of concern, and should provide 16 copies of written material elaborating on those issues for the NOSB.

Dated: August 19, 1996.

Eileen S. Stommes,
Director, Transportation and Marketing Division.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-047-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Approved information collection extension; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of regulations for the continued control of domestic animal diseases in the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 22, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-047-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-047-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the permit for movement of restricted animals, contact Dr.