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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03–016N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: 3rd Session of the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Food And Drug Administration (FDA) are sponsoring a public meeting on April 24, 2003, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices taking place in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, on May 5–9, 2003. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information, including draft U.S. positions on agenda items for the Third Session of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and to address items on the Agenda for the 3rd Session.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 1B–042 , Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD. To receive copies of the documents referenced in the notice contact the FSIS Docket Room, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: *http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp.* If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Room and reference Docket #03–016N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith Kennard, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. 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 ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and EPA manage and carry out U.S. Codex.

The Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices is tasked with revising and consolidating the existing Codex standards and guidelines for fruit and vegetable juices and related products. It is also tasked with revising and updating the methods of analysis and sampling for these products. The Committee is chaired by Brazil.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items and draft U.S. positions will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda;
2. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees;
3. Consideration of Proposed Draft Standards:

a. Proposed draft Codex General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars;

b. Proposed Draft Revised Codex Standard for Vegetable Juices.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Brazilian Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (*see* **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the April 24th public meeting, the agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the FSIS Docket Room (*see* **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 3rd Session of the Codex Ad Hoc Governmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices.

Additional Public Notification

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the Constituent Update Listserv'' link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done in Washington, DC, on April 17, 2003.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on May 15–16, 2003, in Unity, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to meet as a Committee to discuss the selection of title II projects under Public Law 106–393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the ''Payments to States'' Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 15, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 16, 2003, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Unity Community Hall, Highway 26, Unity, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Harris, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Malheur National Forest, P.O. Box 909, John Day, Oregon 97845. Phone: (541) 575–3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting of the committee will focus on reviewing and recommending title II project proposals for funding under Pub. L. 106–393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The meeting is open to the public. A public input opportunity will be provided at 1 p.m. May 15, and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Jennifer L. Harris,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Clarification of Direction on Safety Priorities During Wildland Firefighting Activities

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of agency interim directives.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing three interim directives to provide internal administrative direction to guide its employees during wildland firefighting activities. These interim directives are issued to Forest Service Manual (FSM) chapters FSM 5100 zero code (ID 5100–2003–1); FSM 5120, Preparedness (ID 5100–2003–2); and FSM 5130, Wildland Fire Suppression (ID 5130–2003–3). The ID's clarify existing direction to ensure that the safety of firefighters, other personnel, and the public is always the first priority in fire suppression. While this is already the current agency policy, the agency believes that the direction should be clarified and better stated. The agency will consider any comments received in the development of final directives.

DATES: The interim directives are effective April 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The interim directives are available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web/Internet at *http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives.* Single paper copies of the interim directives also are available by contacting Shelly Steen, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 South Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705 (telephone 208–387–5100). Members of the public who wish to comment on the interim directives may mail their written comments in paper format to this address or send them electronically to *directivecomment@fs.fed.us.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shelly Steen, National Interagency Fire Center (208–387–5100) or Tina Kingsberry, Fire and Aviation Management Staff, Forest Service, USDA (202–205–1205).

Dated: April 4, 2003.

Dale N. Bosworth,

Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of Security Servicing for Multiple Family Housing Loans.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 23, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Vollmer, Senior Loan Specialist, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Housing Service, Stop 0782, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0782. Telephone: (202) 720–1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Security Servicing for Multiple Family Housing Loans.

OMB Number: 0575–0100.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is an Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). As a creditor of last resort, the Agency extends financial assistance in support of housing for rural residents. The Agency is authorized under sections 514, 515, 516, and 521 of title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to provide loans and grants to eligible recipients for the development of rural rental housing. Such Multiple Family Housing projects are intended to meet the housing needs of persons or families having low to moderate incomes, senior citizens, the disabled, and domestic farm laborers.

The Agency has the responsibility of assuring the public that the housing projects financed are owned and operated as mandated by Congress. This regulation was issued to ensure proper servicing actions are accomplished for projects financed with Multiple Family Housing loan and grant funds. Minimal requirements have been established as deemed necessary to assure that applicable laws and authorities are