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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Amendment to Original Notice: “Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting” [FR Doc. 2011–14245 Filed 6–8–11; 8:45 am]

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 24, 2011 at the National Press Club located at 529 14th St., NW., Washington, DC. “Higher Education: A Critical Partner in the Feed the Future” will set the tone for the meeting.

Dr. Brady Deaton, the new Chair of BIFAD, will preside over the proceedings. Dr. Deaton is the Chancellor of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The announcement of the 2011 World Food Prize Laureate at the State Department on June 21 and the “Feed the Future” Research Forum from June 21 to 23 provide the backdrop for the BIFAD public meeting on June 24. The meeting will include the participation of five new BIFAD presidential appointments. Including Dr. Deaton, those new members are Jo Luck, President of Heifer International, Marty McVey of McVey & Company Investments Inc., Gebisa Ejeta, Distinguished Professor, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University and Catherine Bertini, Chair, International Relations Program and Professor, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. Board members with continuing service include Elsa Murano, Professor and President Emerita of Texas A&M University and William DeLauder, President Emeritus of Delaware State University. After opening remarks by Dr. Deaton, USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah will formally swear in the new Board members and make a short presentation. At the conclusion of Dr. Shah’s remarks, Dr. Deaton will acknowledge immediate past Chair Robert Easter and the other outgoing Board members for their service.

The BIFAD Summer public meeting will focus heavily on the USAID Feed the Future (FtF) Initiative. The first session will offer USAID, USDA and Department of Treasury perspectives on the strategic policy considerations for FtF and the implications of the multilateral process. The panel of speakers will include Paul Weisenfeld, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Food Security; Julie Howard, Deputy Coordinator, Feed the Future; and Lona Stoll, USDA Coordinator, Feed the Future. Elsa Murano, Chair, Department of Agriculture, Texas A&M University and BIFAD member, will serve as respondent and provide university perspectives.

The second FtF session will review outcomes of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)-led consultative process in response to the FtF research strategy. Dr. Montague Demment, Professor of Ecology at University of California-Davis and Associate Vice President for International Development of APLU, will provide an overview of the consultative process for the Board. USAID staff will provide an overview of the research priority outcomes. Because the Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs) are among the major Title XII university-based research programs, Irvin Widders, Director, Dry Grains Pulse CRSP, Michigan State University, will serve as a respondent to address additional issues.

The Board meeting is open to the public, and time will be allotted for a public comment period. The Board benefits greatly in hearing from the stakeholder community and others. To ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to contribute to the morning’s discussions, comments will be restricted to three minutes for each commenter. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will adjourn the meeting to proceed to an executive luncheon and meeting (closed to the public).

Those wishing to obtain additional information about BIFAD or attend the meeting can refer to the Web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/agriculture/bifad/, or contact Susan Owens, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Interested persons may write her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 7.8–061, Washington, DC 20523–2110 or telephone her at (202) 712–0218 or fax (202) 216–3124.

John A. Becker,
Acting USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Development Partners, U.S. Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

USDA Increases the Domestic Sugar Overall Allotment Quantity, Reassigns Domestic Cane Sugar Allotments, and Increases the Fiscal Year 2011 Raw Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture today announced an increase in the domestic sugar Overall Allotment Quantity (OAQ); a reassignment of surplus sugar under domestic cane sugar allotments of 120,000 short tons raw value (STRV) to imports; and an increase in the fiscal year (FY) 2011 raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of the same amount.

DATES: Effective: June 22, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angel F. Gonzalez, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, AgStop 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250–1021; or by telephone (202) 720–2916; or by fax to (202) 720–0876; or by e-mail to angel.f.gonzalez@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA’s Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announces an increase in the FY 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011) OAQ under the Sugar Marketing Allotment Program to 9,400,000 STRV.
and a reassignment of surplus cane sugar allotments to imports. The OAQ was increased due to an increase in estimated sugar demand since the FY 2011 OAQ was established in August 2010. The beet sugar allotment is now 5,108,900 STRV, and the cane sugar allotment is 3,366,100 STRV. The FY 2011 cane sector allotment and cane state allotments after the OAQ increase were larger than could be fulfilled by domestically-produced cane sugar; so the surplus was reassigned to raw sugar imports, as required by law. Upon review of the domestic sugarcane processors’ sugar marketing allocations relative to their FY 2011 expected raw sugar supplies, CCC determined that all sugarcane processors had surplus allocation. Therefore, all sugarcane states’ sugar marketing allocations are reduced with this reassignment. The new cane state allotments are Florida, 1,464,666 STRV; Louisiana, 1,526,050 STRV; Texas, 147,138 STRV; and Hawaii, 228,246 STRV. The FY 2011 sugar marketing allotment program will not prevent any domestic sugarcane processors from marketing all of their FY 2011 sugar supply.

On August 5, 2010, USDA established the FY 2011 TRQ for raw cane sugar at 1,231,497 STRV (1,117,195 metric tons raw value, MTRV*), the minimum to which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements. On April 11, 2011, USDA announced a reassignment of surplus sugar under domestic cane sugar allotments of 325,000 STRV (294,835 MTRV) to imports, and increased the FY 2011 raw sugar TRQ by the same amount.

Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the Secretary of Agriculture today further increased the quantity of raw cane sugar imports of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties during FY 2011 by 120,000 STRV (108,862 MTRV). With this increase, the overall FY 2011 raw sugar TRQ is now 1,676,497 STRV (1,520,892 MTRV). Raw cane sugar under this quota must be accompanied by a certificate for quota eligibility and may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS until September 30, 2011. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative will allocate this increase among supplying countries and customs areas.

This action is being taken after a determination that additional supplies of raw cane sugar are required in the U.S. market. USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis, and may make further program adjustments during FY 2011 if needed.

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

Dated: June 16, 2011.

Michael T. Scuse,
Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and Acting President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.


DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 22, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4–1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301–504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government’s rights in this plant variety are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this variety as New Varieties Development & Management Corporation of Lakeland, Florida has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner, Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent to Request New Information Collection

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to send comments regarding any aspect of this proposed information collection. This is a new collection for the Rural Establishment Innovation Survey.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before August 22, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Tim Wojan, Resource and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M St., NW., Room N4110, Washington, DC 20036–5801. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Tim Wojan at 202–694–3756 or via e-mail to twojan@ers.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to http://www.regulations.gov, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Economic Research Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 1800 M St., NW., Room N4110, Washington, DC 20036–5801.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments and replies will be a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and