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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2008-0020]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on October 30, 2008. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 40th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from December 1-5, 2008. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 40th Session of the CCFH and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2008, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Rm. 1A001, Harvey W. Wiley Building, FDA, CFSAN, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 40th Session of the CCFH will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: [http://](http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp)

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The U.S. Co-Alternate Delegates to the 40th Session of the CCFH, Dr. Rebecca Buckner of FDA and Dr. Kerry Dearfield of USDA, invite U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: Rebecca.Buckner@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration

If you are interested in attending the public meeting, please pre-register (name and affiliation) with Ms. Tiffany Paulsin at Tiffany.Paulsin@fda.hhs.gov or 301-436-2380. Visitor parking is available, but you must indicate you will be driving when you pre-register.

For Further Information About the 40th Session of the CCFH Contact: Rebecca Buckner, Co-Alternate to the U.S. Delegate to the CCFH, FDA, CFSAN, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740-3835, Phone: (301) 436-1486, Fax: (301) 436-2632. E-mail: Rebecca.Buckner@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Syed Amjad Ali, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) 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 that fair practices are used in trade.

The Codex Committee on Food Hygiene was established to elaborate codes, standards, and related texts for food hygiene. The Committee is hosted by the United States.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 40th Session of the CCFH will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee on Food Hygiene from the Other Codex Bodies.

- Progress Report on the Joint FAO/WHO Expert meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) and Related Matters.

- Information from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

- Microbiological Criteria for Powdered Follow-up Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes for Young Children (Annex to the Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children).

- Proposed Draft Microbiological Criteria for Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods.

- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Control of *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* spp. in Chicken Products.

- Proposed Draft Annex on Leafy Green Vegetables, including Leafy Herbs, to the Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits & Vegetables.

- Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for *Vibrio* spp. in Seafood.

- Discussion of the New Work Proposals submitted to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group for Establishment of CCFH Work Priorities.

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

Public Meeting

At the October 30th 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 the Co-Alternate to the U.S. Delegate for the 40th Session of the CCFH, Dr. Rebecca Buckner (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 40th Session of CCFH.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2008_Notices_Index/. FSIS will also

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Done at Washington, DC on October 9, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

30-Day Pre-decisional Review and Opportunity To Object; Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands Land Management Plan (Grasslands Plan)

AGENCY: The Pike and San Isabel National Forests and the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands, Forest Service, USDA.

Authority: 36 CFR 219.9(b)(2)(i) and 36 CFR 219.9(b)(3)(iii)

Notice: Availability of the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands Land Management Plan (Grasslands Plan), and 30-Day Pre-decisional Review and Objection Period.

SUMMARY: The Forest Supervisor for the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) has made available the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands Land Management Plan (Grasslands Plan) for a 30 day pre-decisional review and objection period.

The 30-day pre-decisional review and objection period commences the day following the publication of the legal notice in the Pueblo Chieftain, Pueblo, Colorado.

DATES: October 7, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barb Masinton, 719-553-1400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Supervisor for the PSICC has announced a 30-day pre-decisional review and objection period for the Grasslands Plan, as provided by 36 CFR 219.13(a). The 30-day pre-decisional review and objection period will commence the day following the publication date of the legal notice in the Pueblo Chieftain, Pueblo, Colorado. The publication date of the legal notice in this newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (see Forest Service Handbook 1909,12, Chapter 50, section 51.13b).

Objections may be filed only by non-federal agencies, organizations and individuals who participated in the planning process through the submission of written comments to the Forest Service pertaining to the Grasslands Plan or supporting documents. It is helpful to reference your earlier written comments to document your standing in this objection process. These objections must be: (a) In writing, (b) submitted to the Grasslands Plan Reviewing Officer (Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region), and (c) submitted during the 30-day pre-decisional review and objection period. Additionally, objections must contain the following:

1. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person or entity filing the objection. Where a single objection is filed by more than one person, the objection must indicate the lead objector to contact. The Reviewing Officer may appoint the first name listed as the lead objector to act on behalf of all parties to the single objection when the single objection does not specify a lead objector. The Reviewing Officer may communicate directly with the lead objector and is not required to notify the other listed objectors about the objection response or any other written correspondence related to the single objection;

2. A statement of the issues and the parts of the Grasslands Plan to which the objection applies, and how the objecting party would be adversely affected;

3. A concise statement explaining how the objector believes that the Grasslands Plan is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy, or how the objector disagrees with the decision,

and providing any recommendations for change, and

4. A signature or other verification of authorship is required (a scanned signature when filing electronically is acceptable).

The written notice of objection, including attachments, must be submitted to the Grasslands Plan Reviewing Officer for the Rocky Mountain Region by regular mail, e-mail, fax, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service.

Objections that are delivered by hand, by express delivery, or messenger service must be delivered during business hours, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Mountain Time. Objections that are sent by regular mail, and those delivered by hand, by express delivery, or messenger service will only be accepted at:

USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, ATTN: Rick Cables, Regional Forester and Grasslands Plan Reviewing Officer, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401.

E-mail: Electronically-filed objections will be accepted at: objections-rocky-mountain-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

E-mailed objections must be in Microsoft Word, Corel WordPerfect, or rich text format (.rtf) file formats. For electronically-mailed objections, the sender should typically receive an automated electronic acknowledgment from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgment of the receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

Fax: The number to use for faxing written objections is: (303) 275-5482.

Objections must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered within 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Pueblo Chieftain, Pueblo, Colorado.

The pre-decisional Grasslands Plan and supporting documents can be accessed, viewed, and downloaded at the following Web site: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/projects/forest_revision/. The Grasslands Plan is also available in paper copy or compact disc (CD) formats by request.

Note that all objections, including names and addresses, become part of the public record and are subject to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, except for proprietary documents and information.