

collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent both to FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

Responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: January 11, 2013.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0055]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

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), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), are sponsoring a public meeting on February 5, 2013. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions that will be discussed at the 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Langkawi, Malaysia, February 25-March 1, 2013. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 23rd Session of the CCFO and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at FDA, CFSAN, Harvey Wiley Building, Room 1A-002, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 23rd Session of the CCFO will be accessible

via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Martin J. Stutsman, U.S. Delegate to the 23rd Session of the CCFO, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address:

Martin.Stutsman@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-In Number:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 23rd Session of the CCFO by conference call, please use the call-in number and participant code listed below:

Call-in Number: 1-888-858-2144

Participant Code: 6208658

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 23RD SESSION OF THE CCFO CONTACT:

Martin Stutsman, J.D., Office of Food Safety, CFSAN, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, Phone: +1(240) 402-1642, Fax: +1(301) 436-2651, Email:

Martin.Stutsman@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Marie

Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: +1(202) 205-7760, Fax: +1(202) 720-3157, Email: Marie.Maratos@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 the food trade.

The CCFO is responsible for elaborating worldwide standards for fats and oils of animal, vegetable, and marine origin including margarine and olive oil.

The Committee is hosted by Malaysia.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 23rd Session of the CCFO will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees
- Proposed Draft Standard for Fish Oils
- Proposed Draft Amendment to Parameters for Rice Bran Oil in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils

- Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: Sunflower Seed Oils
 - Discussion Paper on Cold Pressed Oils
 - Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: High Oleic Soybean Oil
 - Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils for the addition of Palm Oil with High Oleic Acid OxG
 - Discussion Paper on the Revision of the Limit for Campesterol in the Codex Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils
 - Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils: Content of Delta-7-Stigmastenol
 - Reference to Acceptance/Voluntary Application in Codex Standards
 - Other Business and Future Work
- 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 copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the February 5, 2013, 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 U.S. Delegate for the 23rd Session of the CCFO, Martin Stutsman (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 23rd Session of the CCFO.

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Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0040]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Reestablishment

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment of Committee.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice is announcing the reestablishment of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). The Committee is being reestablished in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The establishment of the Committee was recommended by a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection, Subcommittee on Microbiological

Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The current charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the NACMCF homepage at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_Fsis/NACMCF/index.asp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Thomas, Advisory Committee Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 9-214D Patriots Plaza III, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Telephone number: (202) 690-6620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

USDA is charged with the administration and the enforcement of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA). The Secretary of DHHS is charged with the administration and enforcement of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). These Acts help protect consumers by ensuring that food products are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly marked, labeled, and packaged.

In order to assist the Secretaries in carrying out their responsibilities under the FMIA, PPIA, EPIA, and FFDCA, the NACMCF is being reestablished. The Committee will be charged with providing recommendations to the Secretaries on the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed, including criteria for microorganisms that indicate whether foods have been adequately and appropriately processed.

Reestablishment of this Committee is necessary and in the public interest because of the need for external expert advice on the range of scientific and technical issues that must be addressed by the FSIS and DHHS in meeting their statutory responsibilities. To address the complexity of the issues, the Committee is expected to meet one or more times annually.

Members will be appointed by the Secretary of USDA after consultation with the Secretary of the DHHS. Because of the complexity of matters addressed by this Committee, the Secretary may consult with other Federal Agencies, such as the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service, the Department of Defense's Defense Logistics Agency, and the DHHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for advice on membership appointments. Background materials are