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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0014]

Notice of Request for a New Information Collection; Import of Undenatured Inedible Product

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request a new information collection regarding the importation of undenatured inedible meat and egg products into the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E. Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the

Agency name and docket number FSIS-2012-0014. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E. Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 720-0345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Import of Undenatured Inedible Product.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53) as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). FSIS protects the public by verifying that meat and egg products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and correctly labeled.

Foreign governments are to petition FSIS for approval to import undenatured inedible egg products into the United States (9 CFR 590.45 (d)). Undenatured inedible meat and egg products may be imported into the United States if they meet the requirements of FSIS's regulations (9 CFR 325.11 (e) and 590.45 (d)). Inedible poultry must be denatured, regardless of the intended use (9 CFR 381.193). Thus, undenatured inedible poultry product may not be imported into the United States.

Firms will complete FSIS Form 9540-4, "Permit Holder—Importation of Undenatured Inedible Product" for the undenatured inedible product that they are importing into the United States. FSIS will use the information on the forms to keep track of the movement of imported undenatured inedible meat and egg products.

FSIS has made the following estimates on the basis of an information collection assessment.

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it takes respondents an average of 16.6 hours per year to complete the forms.

Respondents: Importers.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 20.

Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 333 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence, SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS'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 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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Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 24, 2013.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2013-0001]

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

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), are sponsoring a public meeting on April 17, 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 41st Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada from May 14-17, 2013. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 41st Session of the CCFL, and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 107-A, Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 41st Session of the CCFL will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 41st Session of the CCFL invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: ccfl@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-In Number:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 41st Session of the CCFL, 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 41st Session of the CCFL: Contact: Office of Nutrition, Labeling, and Dietary Supplements, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-800), College Park, MD 20740, Email: ccfl@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: Doreen Chen-Moulec, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: uscodex@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 fair practices in the food trade.

The CCFL is responsible for:

- (a) Drafting provisions on labeling applicable to all foods;
- (b) Considering, amending if necessary, and endorsing draft specific provisions on labeling prepared by the Codex Committees drafting standards, codes of practice and guidelines;
- (c) Studying specific labeling problems assigned to it by Codex; and
- (d) Studying problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions.

The Committee is hosted by Canada.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 41st Session of the CCFL will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the CCFL.
- Consideration of labeling provisions in draft Codex standards.
- Implementation of the World Health Organization Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health.
- (a) Proposed draft revision of the *Guidelines on Nutrition and Health Claims concerning Non-Addition of Sodium Salts*
- Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labeling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods.
- (a) Use of ethylene as sprouting inhibitor for onions and potatoes.
- (b) Organic aquaculture.
- Discussion Paper on Issues Related to Date Marking.
- Discussion Paper on Labeling of Food Derived from Crops Biofortified by Natural Selection
- 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 these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the April 17, 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 41st Session of the CCFL (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 41st Session of the CCFL.