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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-122-1]

#### General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice of a meeting of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

**PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING:** The meeting will be held at the World Congress Center, 285 International Boulevard NW, Atlanta, Georgia; (404) 223-4500. The meeting will be held on January 20, 1999, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Andrew R. Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, NPIP, VS, APHIS, 1498 Klondike Road, Suite 200, Conyers, GA 30094-5104, (770) 922-3496.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), representing cooperating State agencies and poultry industry members, serves an essential function by acting as liaison between the poultry industry and the Department in matters pertaining to poultry health.

Tentative topics for discussion at the upcoming meeting include:

1. Proposed changes to the provisions of the NPIP.
2. Poultry export issues.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to time constraints, the public will not be allowed to participate in the discussions during the meeting. Written statements on meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meeting

by sending them to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Written statements may also be filed at the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. 98-122-1 when submitting your statements.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Done in Washington, DC, this 29th day of December 1998.

**Craig A. Reed,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comments Request—(1) Food Stamp Application, Verification and Certification Activities, and (2) State Agency Options

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is publishing for public comment a summary of proposed information collections. The information collection requirements described in this notice are limited to those which are necessary to carry out the application, verification, and certification of food stamp applicants and recipients.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 8, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 has 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 clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send comments and request for copies of this information collection to Margaret Werts Batko, Assistant Branch Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302, (703) 305-2516. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Ms. Batko at (703) 305-2486. The internet address is:

Margaret\_Batko@FCS.USDA.GOV. All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Batko, (703) 305-2516.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collection requirements described in this notice are limited to those which are necessary to carry out Sections 3, 5, 6, 11 and 13 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, and Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193, enacted August 26, 1996, as amended (PRWORA).

PRWORA contained numerous amendments to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"). PRWORA contained several provisions designed to increase State agency flexibility in administering the Food Stamp Program—especially in the area of household application and certification for program benefits. PRWORA changed the eligibility requirement for aliens without changing the Food Stamp Act. PRWORA limited the eligibility of most able-bodied adults without children to three months in a three-year period, required that some individuals be sanctioned, and allowed some State agency options. State agencies were notified in an agency memorandum that they were required to implement the mandatory provisions of PRWORA upon enactment for applicant households and at recertification for participant households without waiting for formal regulations. The alien provisions in PRWORA were subsequently amended by Public Law 104-208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, dated September 30, 1996; Public Law 105-33, the Balanced Budget Act, dated August 5,