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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development One Hundred and Thirty Second Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and thirty-third meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 28th, 2000, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on September 29th, 2000, in the NASULGC Meeting Room, 1307 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

As part of its agenda, BIFAD will tie together agricultural and environmental perspectives around carbon sequestration issues, and trade & food security perspectives. The next part will return to the theme of constituency-building for foreign assistance. The second day's agenda begins with a response to the livestock revolution, followed by a session on crafting a common message regarding agriculture, universities and USAID.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Mr. Lawrence Paulson, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-044, Washington, DC, 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-1436 or fax (202) 216-3010.

Lawrence Paulson,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Growth Center, Bureau for Global Programs.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Food Security Advisory Committee Board of International Food and Agricultural Development First Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the first meeting of the Food Security Advisory Committee (FSAC), an independent subcommittee of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 27, 2000 in the first floor conference room at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), located at 1307 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

As part of the agenda, FSAC will review progress made towards implementing the U.S. Food Security Plan of Action and meeting World Food Summit commitments, examine emerging issues that have a direct bearing on food security, and address the need to forge and strengthen the U.S. constituency for food security.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or to obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Ms. Jennifer J. Douglas, the Designated Federal Officer for FSAC. Write her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-061, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202)-712-1687 or fax (202-216-3060).

Jennifer Douglas,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for FSAC, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Growth Center, Bureau for Global Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-039N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Thirty-third Session 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), are sponsoring a public meeting on October 6, 2000, to present and receive comments on draft United States positions on all issues coming before the Thirty-third Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH), which will be held in Washington, DC, October 23-28, 2000. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the Thirty-third Session of the CCFH and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 6, 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Conference Room 1409, Federal Office Building 8, 200 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20204. To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact the FSIS Docket Room, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/economic/esn/codex>. Submit one original and two copies of written comments to the FSIS Docket Room (address above) Docket #00-039N and include the Codex document number. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Clerkin, Associate U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, Telephone (202) 205-7760, Fax (202) 720-3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mr. Clerkin at the above number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. 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 ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled.

The Codex Committee on Food Hygiene was established to draft basic provisions on food hygiene to all foods. The United States hosts this Committee and representatives of the United States Government will chair the Committee meeting.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items and the relevant documents to be discussed during the public meeting are:

1. Report by the Secretariat on Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or Other Codex Committees to the Food Hygiene Committee, Document *CX/FH 00/2*
2. Preliminary Report of the ad hoc Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Microbiological Hazards in Food and Related Matters, Document *CX/FH 00/3*
3. Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Primary Production, Harvesting and Packaging of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Documents *CX/FH 00/4*—Comments at Step 3 *CX/FH 00/4*—Add.1
4. Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Pre-Cut Fruits and Vegetables, Documents *CX/FH 00/5*—Comments at Step 3 *CX/FH 00/5*—Add.1
5. Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Management, Documents *CX/FH 00/6*—Comments at Step 3 *CX/FH 00/6*—Add. 1
6. Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products, Documents *CX/FH 00/7*—Comments at Step 3 *CX/FH 00/7*—Add. 1
7. Proposed Draft Guidelines for Hygienic Reuse of Processing Water in Food Plants, Documents *CX/FH 00/8*—Comments at Step 3 *CX/FH 00/8*—Add. 1
8. Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Foods, Documents *CX/FH 00/9*—Comments at Step 3 *CX/FH 00/9*—Add.1

9. Discussion Paper on the Implementation of HACCP in Small and/or Less Developed Businesses, Documents *CX/FH 00/10*

10. Discussion Paper on the Antimicrobial Resistant Bacteria in Food, Document *CX/FH 00/11*

11. Discussion Paper on the Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food Hygiene Control Measures, Document *CX/FH 00/12*

12. Discussion Paper on the Proposed Draft Guidelines for Evaluating Objectionable Matter in Food, Document *CX/FH 00/13*

13. Priorities for the Revision of Codes of Hygienic Practice, Document *CX/FH 00/14*

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC on: September 18, 2000.

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U.S. Manager for Codex.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ashland Post-Fire Project, Custer National Forest, Rosebud and Power River Counties, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to move toward Forest Plan goals and objectives by supporting restoration practices and rehabilitation efforts within the Tobin and Stag Fires on the Ashland Post-Fire Project Area. The Forest Plan goals and objectives that will be met include minimizing public safety hazards through hazard tree removal, maintaining soil productivity and minimizing soil erosion by managing fuel loading and arrangement, and capturing economic values associated with restoration activities as a result of timely harvest of fire-damaged trees (dead or where mortality is imminent). We are not proposing to remove any live trees. The proposed action will be accomplished through restoration activities stipulated as part of harvest operations and through restoration activities funded by Knutsen-Vandenberg collection from post-fire harvest. The EIS will tier to the 1987 Custer National Forest and Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) which provide the overall management direction for the area. The proposed action is consistent with the Forest Plan.

The proposed activities are located within the Tobin and Stag Fire perimeters that include the Three-Mile, King, Odell, Cow, Brian, and Padget drainages on the Ashland Ranger District, in Eastern Montana. The analysis area consists of approximately 71,200 acres with proposed activities within approximately 4,500 acres. The following activities are proposed: (1) Minimize the potential for public safety hazards by harvesting fire-damaged trees within one and a half tree lengths from the edge of Forest Service Transportation System roads; (2) maintain soil productivity and minimize accelerated erosion; (3) limit fuel loads and their spatial arrangement through treatment of dead and dying trees through various activities from harvest operations; and (4) capture economic values associated with restoration activities as a result of harvesting fire-damaged trees within a timely manner. The projects would be