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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (portions of which will be open to the public) in Washington, DC at the Office of Director of Practice on January 9 and 10, 2003.

DATES: Thursday, January 9, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, January 10, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Suite 4200E, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, East Tower, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Director of Practice and Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-694-1805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Suite 4200E, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, East Tower, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC on Thursday, January 9, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, January 10, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the November 2002 Pension (EA-2A) Joint Board Examination in order to make recommendations relative

thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. Topics for inclusion on the syllabus for the Joint Board's examination program for the May 2003 Basic (EA-1) Examination and the May 2003 Pension (EA-2B) Examination will be discussed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on the Joint Board's examinations and review of the November 2002 Joint Board examination fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 1 p.m. on January 10 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3 p.m. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements should must notify the Executive Director in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available and must submit the written text, or at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length. All other persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Executive Director in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications of intent to make an oral statement or to attend must be faxed, no later than December 31, 2002, to 202-694-1876, Attn: Executive Director. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and the Committee by sending it to the Executive Director: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Executive Director N:C:SC:DOP, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: December 3, 2002.

Patrick W. McDonough,

Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Generic Clearance for Nutrition Education Messages and Materials for the General Public

AGENCY: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on a proposed information collection. This notice announces the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion's intention to request the Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection instruments to be used during consumer research. The instruments are designed to identify consumers' understanding of potential nutrition education messages and their reaction to prototype sections of nutrition education materials, including Internet-based materials. The information collected will be used to refine messages and materials to improve usefulness and consumer understanding.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before February 7, 2003.

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 will have 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 collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Carole Davis, Nutrition Promotion Staff Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Carole Davis, 703-305-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nutrition Education Messages and Materials for the General Public.

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date: Not applicable.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Dietary Guidelines for Americans, issued jointly by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services, are the cornerstone of Federal nutrition policy and form the basis for nutrition education efforts of these agencies. The U.S. Department of Agriculture develops and promotes nutrition education materials to help consumers understand and use the Dietary Guidelines. The Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion is responsible for publication of the bulletin containing

the text of the Dietary Guidelines; it also develops additional materials to help consumers understand and use the Guidelines. The increased prevalence of overweight and obesity in the United States has made it even more important to communicate clear and useful nutrition education information related to the Guidelines on food choices, weight, and physical activity. In addition, the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion provides food-based guidance for the general public through the Food Guide Pyramid. The Pyramid is an educational tool designed to help consumers implement the Guidelines and eat a nutritious diet. The Food Guide Pyramid is undergoing a broad-based reassessment, and development of updated materials is planned to help communicate Pyramid messages and recommendations.

Educational messages and materials in support of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Food Guide Pyramid, including those targeted to preventing obesity, will be developed by the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. These will include:

1. The 2005 editions of the bulletin Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the

brochure Using the Dietary Guidelines for Americans;

2. An updated Food Guide Pyramid graphical representation, poster, and supportive educational materials;

3. Nutrition education and Internet-based materials to help combat overweight and obesity in America. The initial phase of this campaign will target women 20 to 40 years old, with a special emphasis on low-income women.

The materials for these initiatives will be tested using qualitative consumer research techniques, which may include focus groups, qualitative interviews, and Web-based surveys. Participants in the testing will provide information regarding the clarity, understandability, and acceptability of the messages and materials during the developmental process and during the final product development stage.

Affected Public: Adult Consumers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 850.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours for focus groups and qualitative interviews, .25 hours for Web-based surveys.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1175 hours.

| Project | Number of respondents | Estimated hours per respondent | Total estimated time burden |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dietary Guidelines materials | 200 | 2 | 400 hrs. |
| Food Guide Pyramid materials | 200 | 2 | 400 hrs. |
| Portion awareness messages | 100 | 2 | 200 hrs. |
| Portion awareness materials | 300 | .25 | 75 hrs. |
| Portion awareness interactive | 50 | 2 | 100 hrs. |
| Total | 850 | | 1175 hrs. |

Dated: November 27, 2002.

Steven Christensen,

Acting Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-045N]

Improving the Recall Process

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that it will hold a one day technical conference on December 12, 2002, on

Improving the Recall Process. There will be a series of discussions of issues related to this topic.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2002. The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, #10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The telephone number is 202-842-1300.

A tentative agenda is available in the FSIS Docket Room and on the FSIS Web site at <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=linklog&to=http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. FSIS welcomes comments on the topics to be discussed at the public meeting. Please send an original and two copies of comments to the FSIS Docket Room, Docket 02-045N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food

Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the address provided above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Moshe Dreyfuss at (202) 205-0260. Registration for the meeting will be on-site. No prior registration will be accepted. Persons requiring a sign Language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Mary Harris as soon as possible at (202) 690-6498.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FSIS administers the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products