

agencies which have requested funds for EBT implementation projects.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The WIC State agencies operating or implementing EBT systems will be asked to provide an electronic copy of their APL in the format specified in the ANSI standard X.9.93 2008 part 2 whenever the contents of the APL change. FNS estimates that each State agency will modify their respective APL's no more than 3 times per week which is equivalent to a maximum of 156 responses per year.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2,652 = 17 SA's * 3 submissions/week * 52 weeks/year.

Estimated Time per Response: 648.153 seconds (10.8 minutes or 0.180 hours). The estimated time per response is comprised of the following three components: 92.307 seconds (0.025641 hours) which represents a one-time expenditure of 4 hours per State agency per year to develop or maintain a software application for use transmitting the APL to FNS (amortized over 156 responses per year); 2 seconds (.000243

hours) per response to transmit each APL file electronically; and 553.846 seconds (0.153846 hours) which represents a recurring expenditure of 24 hours per State agency per year to correct or troubleshoot failed APL transmissions (amortized over 156 responses per year).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 28,641.6 minutes (477.36 hours). The table below provides an estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

REPORTING BURDEN

Respondent	Estimated number respondent	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours
WIC State agencies operating EBT systems.	10	156	1560	0.180	280.80
WIC State agencies implementing EBT systems	3	156	468	0.180	84.24
WIC State agencies requesting implementation funds	4	156	624	0.180	112.32
Total Reporting Burden	17	2652	477.36

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Audrey Rowe,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2011-0017]

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

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on November 15, 2011. 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 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Miami, Florida, from December 5-9, 2011. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain

background information on the 43rd Session of the CCFH and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Documents related to the 43rd Session of the CCFH will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>

Jenny Scott, U.S. Delegate to the CCFH, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address Jenny.Scott@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-In Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 43rd Session of the CCFH 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 43RD SESSION OF THE CCFH CONTACT:

Jenny Scott, Senior Advisor, Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, HFS-300, Room 3B-014, College Park, MD 20740-3835, *telephone:* (240) 402-2166, *fax:* (202) 436-2632, e-mail: Jenny.Scott@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:

Barbara McNiff, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, *telephone:* (202) 690-4719, *fax:* (202) 720-3157, e-mail: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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 CCFH is responsible for:

(a) Drafting basic provisions on food hygiene applicable to all food;

(b) Considering, amending if necessary, and endorsing provisions on hygiene prepared by Codex commodity committees and contained in Codex commodity standards;

(c) Drafting provisions on hygiene applicable to specific food items or food groups, whether coming within the terms of reference of a Codex commodity committee or not;

(d) Considering specific hygiene problems assigned to it by Codex;

(e) Suggesting and prioritizing areas where there is a need for microbiological risk assessment at the international level and to develop

questions to be addressed by the risk assessors;

(f) Considering microbiological risk management matters in relation to food hygiene, including food irradiation, and in relation to the risk assessment of FAO/WHO.

The CCFH is hosted by the United States.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 43rd Session of the CCFH will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by Codex and/or Other Codex Committees to the Food Hygiene Committee.
- Matters arising from the work of FAO, WHO, and other International Intergovernmental Organizations: (a) Progress Report on the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) and Related Matters; (b) Information from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
- Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses in Food at Step 4.
- Proposed Draft Revision of the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods at Step 4.
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for Control of Specific Zoonotic Parasites in Meat: *Trichinella spiralis* and *Cysticercus bovis* at Step 3.
- Proposed Draft Annex on Melons to the Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Step 3.
- Discussion Paper on the Review of the Risk Analysis Principles and Procedures Applied by the CCFH.
- CCFH Work Priorities.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Codex Secretariat prior to the CCFH meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the November 15, 2011, 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 43rd Session of the CCFH, Jenny Scott (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 43rd Session of the CCFH.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Virginia State Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Virginia NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Virginia that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in the following practice standards: #315, Herbaceous Weed Control, #338, Prescribed Burning, #340, Cover Crop, #342, Critical Area Planting, #382, Fence, #400, Bivalve, #422, Hedgerow Planting, #484, Mulching, #511, Forage Harvest Management, #657, Wetland Restoration, #658, Wetland Creation, and #659, Wetland Enhancement. These practices will be used to plan and install conservation practices.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John A. Bricker, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209, Richmond, Virginia 23229-5014; Telephone number (804) 287-1691; Fax number (804) 287-1737. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request to the address shown above or on the Virginia NRCS Web site: <http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/draftstandards.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Virginia will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Virginia regarding disposition of those comments