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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

U.S. Global Water Strategy 2017–2022; Meeting

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Request for public comment and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of State (DOS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announce a public meeting and request public comment on the United States Global Water Strategy 2017–2022, including its achievements, challenges, implementation, results, and priorities. Comments from the public will inform the development of the revised U.S. Global Water Strategy and Agency-specific plans in 2022.

DATES:

1. Written comments and information are requested on or before Friday, October 29, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

2. A Public Meeting to receive further comment will take place on November 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. EDT via Zoom (<https://statedept.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdeCqqzIvE77yMpttzV8W82xO1mkqEXw>).

3. Registration for the Public Meeting is required no later than Wednesday November 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. EDT, at <https://statedept.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdeCqqzIvE77yMpttzV8W82xO1mkqEXw>.

ADDRESSES:

You may submit comments regarding the U.S. Global Water Strategy 2017–2022 by email to waterteam@usaid.gov. Include “Comments: U.S. Global Water Strategy” in the subject line.

To request reasonable accommodations for the Public Meeting on November 17, contact Danielle Neighbour at NeighbourDG@state.gov. Include “Global Water Strategy Public Meeting: Reasonable Accommodations” in the subject line.

To register for the Public Meeting go to the following URL: <https://statedept.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdeCqqzIvE77yMpttzV8W82xO1mkqEXw>.

Instructions: Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Public Meeting:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–289) requires the Department of State and USAID to jointly deliver a whole-of-government U.S. Global Water Strategy (GWS) by October 1, 2017 and every five years thereafter through 2027. The first revision of the Strategy, Agency-specific Plans, and High-Priority Country Plans (HPC) are due to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives on October 1, 2022.

The Act requires the U.S. Global Water Strategy to include results areas, performance indicators, high priority country plans and roles and responsibilities based on contributing interagency capacities that describe how the U.S. Government will collectively contribute to the success of the Global Water Strategy. The Act also requires that DOS and USAID draft Agency-specific plans to be appended to each Global Water Strategy, along with any other Federal Department and Agency as relevant.

The U.S. Global Water Strategy aims to achieve a water-secure world where people have sustainable supplies of water of sufficient quantity and quality to meet human, economic, and ecosystem needs while improving the adaptive capacity and enhancing the resilience of people and systems to survive shocks and stressors such as floods and droughts. To advance this goal, the U.S. Government will work with partner countries, the private sector, and other stakeholders to advance four interrelated strategic objectives: (1) Promote sustainable access to safe drinking water and

sanitation services, and the adoption of key hygiene behaviors; (2) encourage the sound management and protection of freshwater resources; (3) reduce conflict by promoting cooperation on shared waters; and (4) strengthen water sector governance, financing, and institutions

Request for Public Comment

To inform revisions to the Global Water Strategy, DOS and USAID invite written comments from the public on successes and challenges with implementation, monitoring, and reporting on the Global Water Strategy 2017–2022. DOS and USAID are especially interested in comments on the following:

(1) What steps can be taken to strengthen implementation of the Global Water Strategy? (Provide evidence and agency-specific examples if possible.)

(2) What untapped opportunities exist to accelerate progress towards the GWS Strategic Objectives? (Consider cross-cutting issues or emerging priorities. Provide evidence and examples if possible.)

Written comments and information are requested on or before Friday, October 29, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. EDT, and should be submitted by email to waterteam@usaid.gov. Include “Comments: U.S. Global Water Strategy” in the subject line. Please submit comments and information as a Word or PDF attachment to your email. You are encouraged to submit written comments even if you plan to attend the public meeting.

Public Meeting

A public meeting to receive input will take place November 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. This meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting must register at the following URL no later than Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. EDT: <https://statedept.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdeCqqzIvE77yMpttzV8W82xO1mkqEXw>.

Closed captioning will be provided during the public meeting. Questions about the public meeting or requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to Danielle Neighbour at NeighbourDG@state.gov. Include “Global Water Strategy Public Meeting: Reasonable Accommodations” in the subject line.

(Authority: Sec. 6, Pub. L. 113–189, 128 Stat. 3288 (22 U.S.C. Ch. 32 2152h))

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2018–0041]

Availability of Kit Product Labeling Guideline

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and response to comments.

SUMMARY: In July 2019, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) published and requested comment on a guideline for establishments producing multi-component kit products that contain inspected and assembled meat or poultry components. FSIS is announcing updates to this guideline and responding to comments received on the guideline. FSIS intends for this guideline to help establishments and other food handling facilities producing a multi-component food kit determine whether the kit product needs to be prepared under FSIS inspection and how to label a kit product that contains fully labeled meat or poultry components. The guideline represents current FSIS thinking, and FSIS will update it as necessary to reflect comments received and any additional information that becomes available.

ADDRESSES: A downloadable version of the kit guideline is available to view and print at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/fsis-guidelines>. No hard copies of the kit guideline have been published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Edelstein, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development by telephone at (202) 205–0425.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FSIS administers a regulatory program under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*) to, in part, ensure

that the labeling of meat, poultry and egg products is truthful and not misleading. Mandatory labeling requirements for meat and poultry products are prescribed in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 317.2 and part 381 subpart N.

On July 9, 2019, FSIS announced the availability of and requested comment on the *Food Safety and Inspection Service Guideline on Kit Labeling* (84 FR 32705). FSIS developed the guideline for establishments and other food handling facilities to provide information on the labeling and inspection of multi-component food kit products that contain an inspected and assembled meat or poultry component.

There are many varieties of food kit products that contain meat or poultry products, including, but not limited to: Wraps, pizza, stew, salads, fajitas, stroganoff, and stir-fry skillet meals. These items are commonly sold as fully cooked, but some may require cooking. Generally, the meat and poultry components are separately wrapped and already inspected and fully labeled before assembly with various food components in the same packaging.

As announced in the July 2019 guideline, FSIS determined that the act of assembling a food kit product whose label refers to meat or poultry in its name does not need to be done under FSIS inspection, provided that the meat or poultry component has already been inspected, packaged, and labeled and as long as the following conditions are met:

1. The meat or poultry component is prepared and separately packaged under FSIS inspection and labeled with all required features, including:

- Product Name;
- Handling statement (*e.g.*, Keep Refrigerated), if product is perishable;
- USDA legend and establishment number of the official establishment that packaged and labeled the meat or poultry component;
- Name and address of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor;
- Ingredients statement (if composed of more than one ingredient); and
- Safe handling instructions if the meat or poultry components is not ready-to-eat;

2. The outer kit label clearly identifies all the individual components in the kit; and

3. The outer kit label clearly identifies the product as a single unit or “kit” such as “Chicken Barbecue Dinner Kit” and “Beef Lasagna Meal.”

Although FSIS will no longer conduct mandatory inspection of the assembly of the kit product, the meat or poultry component of the kit remains under

FSIS’ jurisdiction and, as such, is required to meet all applicable FSIS labeling requirements.

The revised guideline is posted at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/fsis-guidelines>. Although comments will no longer be accepted through <https://www.regulations.gov/> on this guideline, FSIS will update this document as necessary if new information becomes available.

Comments and FSIS Responses

FSIS received 15 comments on the kit guideline. Most comments were submitted by firms that prepare kits and trade associations that represent the meat and retail industries. In addition, FSIS received comments from an animal welfare organization, a firm that exports kit products from the United States, an FSIS employee, and several individuals. The following is a summary of the comments and FSIS’ responses:

Kit Definition

Comment: One consumer requested that FSIS provide a clearer definition of a kit and clarify whether Agency policy distinguishes between a kit and a meal kit. One firm that prepares kits similarly requested a clearer definition of a kit and asked for additional guidance on the distinction between a single unit and a kit.

Response: As stated in the guideline, a kit product consists of individually packaged meat or poultry components and other food components sold together as a single unit. FSIS policy does not distinguish between the terms “kit”, “meal kit”, or “single unit.” Although the word “kit” is not required on the label, all labeling should clearly indicate that the product consists of individual components. Because this information is already stated in the guideline, FSIS did not make any changes to it in response to these comments.

Retail Exemption

Comment: Several commenters, including firms that prepare kit products and trade associations representing the meat and retail food industries, requested that FSIS revise the guideline to provide clarifying or additional information about eligibility for the retail exemption from FSIS inspection. One firm requested explanation of how the retail exemption applies to kits assembled and sold by retail grocery stores, prepared kits sold at retail, and kits sold through online marketplaces and other direct-to-consumer platforms. Several trade associations requested that FSIS clarify which meat or poultry components