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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Directors Meeting

TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PLACE: ADF Headquarters.

DATE: Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

STATUS: Closed.

Agenda

10 a.m.—Executive Session (CLOSED).
2 p.m.—Adjournment.

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Doris Mason Martin, General Counsel, and Director, Office of Policy, Planning and Outreach, who can be reached at (202) 673-3916.

Nathaniel Fields,
President.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[FV-01-329]

United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting comments on its proposal to create new United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions. USDA has received a petition from a trade association to create grade standards for frozen onions that will include a description of the product, style, sample unit size, grades, ascertaining the grade by sample, and ascertaining the grade by lot. This

proposal will provide a common language for trade, a means of measuring value in the marketing of frozen onions, and provide guidance in the effective utilization of frozen onions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Chere L. Shorter, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0247; fax (202) 690-1087; or e-mail chere.shorter@usda.gov.

Comments should reference the date and page of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the address listed above during regular business hours and on the Internet.

The draft of the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions available either through the address cited above or by accessing AMS's Home Page on the Internet at: www.ams.usda.gov/standards/frozveg.htm. Any comments received, regarding this proposed standard will also be posted on that site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chere L. Shorter at (202) 720-5021 or e-mail at chere.shorter@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices * * *". AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is proposing to establish the U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions using the procedures that appear in Part 36 Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR Part 36).

The American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI), a trade association for frozen

fruits and vegetables, requested that USDA develop a standard for frozen onions to be used by the industry. The petition provided information on style, sample size and description to AMS to develop the standard. AMS received samples of various styles to collect information on grades of frozen onions and how to ascertain the grade of a sample and of a lot.

AMS prepared a discussion draft of the frozen onions standard, and distributed copies for input to AFFI. Input from the trade association's members was used to develop the proposed standard.

Based on the results of the information gathered, AMS is proposing to establish a standard for frozen onions following the standard format for U.S. Grade Standards using "individual attributes." Specifically, USDA is proposing to provide for the "individual attributes" procedure for product grading with sample sizes, acceptable quality levels (AQL's), tolerances and acceptance numbers (number of allowable defects); with single letter grade designations. AMS is proposing to define "frozen onions" and establish "strips", "diced", whole and "minced" as the style designations. The proposal also defines the quality factors, acceptable quality levels (AQL), and tolerances (TOL) for defects that affect frozen onions and determine sample unit sizes for this commodity.

This proposal would establish the grade levels "A", "B" and "Substandard". The proposed AQLs, tolerances, and acceptance numbers for each quality factor as defined for each grade level would also be established.

The grade of a sample unit of frozen onions will be ascertained by considering the factors of varietal characteristics, flavor, odor, color, defects, and character. This proposal will provide a common language for trade, a means of measuring value in the marketing of frozen onions, and provide guidance in the effective utilization of frozen onions. The official grade of a lot of frozen onions covered by these standards will be determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Foods Products (§ 52.1 to 52.83).

This notice provides for a 60 day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627

Dated: April 20, 2001.

Robert C. Keeney,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Collect Information; Correction

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments; correction.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Economic Research Service's (ERS) intention to request approval for a new information collection from Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) State agencies. The study will collect existing data from the State agencies related to administrative cost reimbursement of sponsoring organizations that administer the family day care homes (FDCH) portion of the Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Ghelfi, 202–694–5437.

Correction

In the *Federal Register* issue of March 26, 2001, in FR Doc. 01–7396, on page 16441, in the second column, correct the "Dates" caption to read:

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 30, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

Dated: April 16, 2001.

Susan Offutt,

Administrator, Economic Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA

ACTION: Notice of publication of final report and public briefings.

SUMMARY: Executive Order 13168 published September 22, 2000, established the President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health (Commission). This notice announces that the Commission's Final Report will be published on May 14, 2001 and that two public briefings will be conducted by the Commission on May 14, 2001. The purpose of the public briefings will be to inform the public of the findings and recommendations, as set out in the Commission's Final Report. All meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The Commission will conduct the first briefing on May 14, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University, 1101 Gorman St., Raleigh, NC and the second at the Executive Inn Hotel, 978 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY, on May 14, 2001, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All times are Eastern Standard Time. Copies of the Final Report will be available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tobcom/> or by contacting Solomon Whitfield or Eloise Taylor at the Tobacco and Peanuts Division at the contact information listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Richardson, Executive Director, Tobacco Commission, United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0574, Washington, DC, 20250–0574 or telephone (202) 418–4266 or toll free (866) 804–6698; FAX (202) 418–4270; Internet: doug_richardson@wdc.fsa.usda.gov or Solomon Whitfield, Acting Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, telephone (202) 720–5988 or Eloise Taylor, Agricultural Program Specialist, telephone (202) 720–9106; FAX (202) 690–2298; Internet: eloise_taylor@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to advise the President on changes occurring in the tobacco farming economy and recommend such measures as may be necessary to improve economic opportunity and development in communities that are dependent on tobacco production, while protecting consumers, particularly children, from hazards associated with smoking. The Commission collected and reviewed information about changes in the tobacco farming economy and Federal, State, and local initiatives intended to

help tobacco growers, tobacco quota holders, and communities dependent on tobacco production pursue new economic opportunities. The Commission received public input through two public forums, its website, written comments and experts in tobacco farming, tobacco health issues, and economic development. After reviewing all input, the Commission is issuing its findings and recommendations in the Final Report, regarding the economic situation facing tobacco producers and tobacco dependent communities.

If special accommodations are required, please contact Doug Richardson, at the address specified above, by COB May 7, 2001.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on April 24, 2001.

James R. Little,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: May 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick T. Mooney (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons