

Oliver, Deputy Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, is the Co-Chair, and Brenda Halbrook, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

At the January 22–25, 2002, meeting announced in this document, the Committee will

- Discuss *Salmonella* performance standards in meat and poultry products;
- Discuss *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 in blade-tenderized, non-intact beef;
- Discuss the evaluation of hot holding temperatures;
- Discuss the Codex “Discussion Paper on Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food Hygiene Control Measures,” and
- Discuss the scientific basis for establishing safety-based “use by” date labeling for refrigerated, ready-to-eat foods.

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 the meeting 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.

Margaret O’K Glavin,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Section 108 Foreign Currency Program

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service invites proposals from interested parties to use certain foreign currencies acquired by the United States for activities to expand markets for U.S. agricultural commodities and for technical assistance activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marketing Operations Staff, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4932–S, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1042, (202) 720–4327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will use available currencies of the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Sri Lanka, and Tunisia, to provide assistance in market development and agricultural technical assistance activities. This use of foreign currencies is commonly referred to as the “section 108 foreign currency program.” These foreign currencies were acquired by USDA pursuant to agreements made under Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, (Pub. L. 480).

Title I, Pub. L. 480 authorizes the U.S. government to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities to foreign governments on concessional terms. Between 1986 and 1991, the U.S. entered into various Title I, Pub. L. 480 agreements with foreign governments, on terms which allowed repayment to the United States in local currencies. Pub. L. 480 authorizes the U.S. government to use these foreign currencies to implement market development and agricultural technical assistance activities.

This announcement supersedes all previous announcements regarding this program. On February 12, 2001, FAS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 9818–9820) inviting proposals to use currencies of Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Tunisia for market development projects and technical assistance activities. The currencies of Costa Rica, which were available under the previous announcements, are no longer available. The currencies of Sri Lanka have been added to the list.

FAS must disburse local currencies to program participants, usually through the disbursing officer in the U.S. embassy in the country of origin. That is, FAS may not convert the local currency to any other currency prior to disbursement. Activities funded with section 108 currencies are not limited to the country where the currency originated. It is the responsibility of the recipient to arrange for receiving and using the foreign currencies made available, or converting the funds to other currencies. At the time of this announcement, approximately 28 million Dominican Republic pesos; 210 million Jamaica dollars; 12 million Tunisia dinars; and 1.7 million Sri Lanka rupees are available.

Proposal Process

This notice is complemented by concurrent notices announcing four other foreign market development programs administered by FAS, including the Market Access Program (MAP), the Foreign Market Development Cooperator (Cooperator) Program, the Emerging Markets Program, and the Quality Samples Program (QSP). The MAP and Cooperator Program notices detail a Unified Export Strategy (UES) application process which provides a means for interested applicants to submit a consolidated and strategically coordinated single proposal that incorporates funding requests for any or all of these programs. Some applicants to the section 108 foreign currency program, particularly those who are applying for funding under more than one program, may wish to use the UES application process. The Internet-based UES application, including step-by-step instructions for its use, is located at the following URL address: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/cooperators.html>. Other applicants, particularly those who are applying for funding only under the section 108 foreign currency program, should follow the application procedures contained in this notice. Interested applicants that are unsure of how to apply are urged to contact the Marketing Operations Staff at the address or phone number above.

FAS recommends that proposals to participate in the section 108 foreign currency program contain, at a minimum, the following:

(a) Organizational information, including:

- Organization’s name, address, Chief Executive Officer (or designee), and Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN);
- Type of organization, e.g., corporation, non-profit organization;

- Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the primary contact person;

- If a trade organization, a description of the organization and its membership;
- A description of the organization's prior export promotion experience; and
- A description of the organization's experience in implementing a trade or technical assistance activity;

(b) Market information, including:

- An assessment of the targeted market;
- A long-term strategy in the market; and

- U.S. export value/volume and market share data and goals for 1999–2004;

(c) Project information, including:

- A brief project title;
- Request for funding in one of the available foreign currencies;
- A brief description of the specific market development trade constraint to be addressed by the project, performance measures for the years 2002–2004 which will be used to measure the effectiveness of the project, a benchmark performance measure for 2002, the viability of long term sales to this market, the goals of the project, and the expected benefits to the represented industry;

- A method for evaluating and reporting results;

- A description of the activities planned to address the constraint; and
- An itemized list of all estimated costs associated with each project activity for which reimbursement will be sought;

(d) Information indicating all funding sources and amounts to be contributed by each entity that will supplement implementation of the proposed project. This may include the organization that submitted the proposal, private industry entities, host governments, foreign third parties, Commodity Credit Corporation, FAS, or other Federal agencies. Contributed resources may include cash, goods, and services; and,

(e) A completed Standard Form 424 (SF-424). This form is available on the Internet via the section 108 fact sheet at the following URL address: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/108fact.htm>, or by calling the contact listed above.

Review Process and Allocation Criteria

The FAS allocates funds in a manner which effectively supports the strategic decision-making initiatives of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 and the USDA's Food and Agricultural Policy (FAP). In deciding whether a proposed project will contribute to the effective creation,

expansion, or maintenance of foreign markets, the FAS seeks to identify a clear, long-term agricultural trade strategy and a program effectiveness time line against which results can be measured at specific intervals using quantifiable product or country goals. The FAS also considers the extent to which a proposed project targets markets with the greatest growth potential. These factors are part of the FAS resource allocation strategy to fund applicants who can demonstrate performance and address the objectives of the GPRA and FAP. FAS will provide financial assistance under this program on a competitive basis and applications will be reviewed against the evaluation criteria contained herein. Proposals will be evaluated by the applicable FAS commodity division. The divisions will recommend funding levels for each applicant based on a review of the applications against the following factors:

- The ability of the organization to provide an experienced staff with the requisite technical and trade expertise to execute the proposal;
- The funding request and the organization's willingness to contribute resources, including cash, goods and services of the U.S. industry and foreign third parties;
- The conditions or constraints affecting the level of U.S. exports and market share for the agricultural commodities and products;
- The degree to which the proposed project is likely to contribute to the creation, expansion, or maintenance of the targeted foreign market; and
- The degree to which the organization's proposal is coordinated with other private or U.S. government-funded market development projects.

The purpose of this review is to identify meritorious proposals and to suggest an appropriate funding level for each application based upon these factors. Meritorious proposals will then be reviewed by representatives of each FAS program area for the purpose of allocating available funds among the applicants. FAS will prioritize meritorious proposals according to the following criteria.

First priority consideration will be given to proposals which target the growth markets listed below. These developing markets account for a significant share of world imports of major farm commodities and much of the projected long-term growth in global import demand. As such, they are expected to be among the most supportive of USDA's primary export objective of increasing the U.S. share of world agricultural trade. First priority

growth markets for allocation of section 108 funds: Brazil, countries in Central America, Chile, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. First priority consideration will also be given to proposals which target the countries from which the foreign currencies originate, i.e., Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Sri Lanka, and Tunisia.

Second priority consideration will be given to proposals which target other markets where growth prospects for the relevant agricultural product are high. These proposals would serve to open new markets or bring about substantial growth in existing markets.

In all cases, preference is given to nonprofit U.S. agricultural trade organizations that represent an entire industry or are nationwide in membership and scope.

Note: FAS generally reviews section 108 proposals on a quarterly basis. However, FAS may also consider proposals on an accelerated basis if an urgent marketing opportunity becomes available. FAS will evaluate such proposals according to the criteria specified in this notice. Details concerning the accelerated review can be obtained from the section 108 fact sheet on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/108fact.htm> or by calling the contact listed above.

Agreements

Following approval of a proposal, FAS will enter into an agreement with the organization that submitted the proposal. Agreements will incorporate the project details as approved by FAS and specify any other terms and conditions applicable to project funding. Agreements include the maximum amount of funds, in local currencies rather than U.S. dollars, which may be made available for a participant's approved activities. All agreements with non-profit organizations under this program are administered under 7 CFR part 3019—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-profit Organizations. These regulations can be found on the Internet at the following URL address: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/7cfr3019_01.html.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals may be submitted on a continuous basis. However, all Internet-based section 108 proposals (using the UES application) must be properly

submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, March 11, 2002, because the UES entry Web site closes at that time. Signed SF-424 forms must be delivered to one of the addresses listed below.

All proposals on diskette (with two accompanying paper copies and a signed SF-424 form) and any other proposals must be delivered to one of the following addresses:

Hand Delivery (including FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.): U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Marketing Operations Staff, Room 4932-S, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042.

U.S. Postal Delivery: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Marketing Operations Staff, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042.

Signed at Washington, DC on December 31, 2001.

Mary T. Chambliss,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northeast Washington Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Northeast Washington Resource Advisory Council will meet Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24, 2002 at the Spokane Community College, Colville Campus Monumental Room at 985 S. Elm Street, Colville, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. each day.

Agenda items include: (1) FACA overview, (2) roles and responsibilities, (3) review RAC guidebook, (4) communication strategies, (5) future agenda items, (6) future meeting dates, (7) project process and identification, (8) election of chairperson, and (9) Public Forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to designated federal official, Nora Rasure or Cynthia Reichelt, Public Affairs Officer, Colville National Forest, 765 S. Main, Colville, Washington 99114: (509) 684-7000.

Dated: December 28, 2001.

Nora B. Rasure,

Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 5:30 p.m. and adjourn at 7:30 p.m. on January 31, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft report on environmental justice, and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 3, 2002.

Debra A. Carr,

Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:30 p.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2002, at the Philadelphia Convention Center, Conference Room B, 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. The Advisory Committee will provide an orientation to members, plan a press conference to release its report, Barriers to Minority and Women Owned

Businesses in Pennsylvania, and discuss new topic areas.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 3, 2002.

Debra A. Carr,

Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Folding Gift Boxes From the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of antidumping duty order.

SUMMARY: On December 5, 2001, the Department of Commerce issued its amended final determination of sales at less than fair value with respect to certain folding gift boxes from the People's Republic of China. On December 26, 2001, the International Trade Commission notified the Department of its determination that an industry in the United States is being injured by reason of imports of subject merchandise from the People's Republic of China that are sold at less than fair value. The Department of Commerce hereby issues an antidumping duty order on certain folding gift boxes from the People's Republic of China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Schauer or George Callen, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0410 and (202) 482-0180, respectively.