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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0050]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting on the Ad Hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are sponsoring a public meeting on February 5, 2008. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the First Session of Ad Hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods (TFQFF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand on February 25-29, 2008.

The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the First Session of TFQFF and to address items that will be on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 1B-042, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. The following call-in number will be

provided for the meeting: 1-866-859-5767, passcode 3258684. Codex documents related to the First Session of the TFQFF will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the First Session of TFQFF, Dr. Donald Zink, FDA, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: donald.zink@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: You may register electronically to the same e-mail address above. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number, if known, when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification (ID) and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TFQFF CONTACT: Donald Zink, U.S. Delegate to the TFQFF, Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway (HFS-317), College Park, MD 20740, *Phone:* (301)436-1692, *Fax:* (301) 436-1692, *E-mail:* donald.zink@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Syed Ali, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, *Phone:* (202) 720-0574, *Fax:* (202) 720-3157, *E-mail:* syed.ali@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 trade.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The items to be discussed during the public meeting will include the Proposed Draft Recommended for the International Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods, with attention to outstanding quality and safety provisions, such as the Defect Action Point Analysis concept and the retention of an annex with specific information on temperature monitoring and control in the food chain. These issues will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Thai Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents at <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

Public Meeting

At the February 5, 2008, 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 First Session of TFQFF, Dr. Donald Zink, at Donald.Zink@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the First Session of the TFQFF.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2008_Notices_Index/. FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also

available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 9, 2008.

Paulo Almeida,

Acting U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: Converter Box Coupon Program-Consumer and Retailer Pilot Test Surveys.

OMB Control Number: None.

Agency Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Emergency.

Burden Hours: 150.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Number of Respondents: 1,100.

Needs and Uses: Congress directed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to create and implement a program to provide coupons for consumers to purchase digital-to-analog converter boxes (See Title III of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-171, 120 Stat. 4, 21, February 8, 2006).

The converter boxes are necessary for consumers who wish to continue receiving broadcast programming over the air using analog-only television sets after February 18, 2009—the date that television stations are required by law to cease analog broadcasting. On March 15, 2007, NTIA published a Final Rule

establishing the parameters of the Coupon Program and describing the rights and responsibilities of interested parties (See Rules to Implement and Administer a Coupon Program for Digital-to-Analog Converter Boxes, 72 FR 12097 (codified at 47 CFR 301)). Among other things, the regulations permit consumers to submit applications to NTIA for coupons beginning January 1, 2008. See 47 CFR 301.3(b).

One critical aspect of testing the coupon program, prior to full launch in all markets in early February 2008, is a “live pilot” test in which a limited number of volunteers will apply for the coupon, receive the coupon through the U.S. mail, and attempt to redeem the coupon at a local retailer for an “eligible” converter box. A material part of the pilot test is that the volunteers (consumers) will be asked to complete a survey regarding their experience in applying for and receiving the coupon and purchasing the converter box at a participating retail outlet. The retailers will be asked to complete a survey to provide feedback on such matters as their experience in redeeming the coupons, inventory issues, and employee training support. The information gathered from the surveys is intended to resolve potential problems in the system at the earliest stage possible. Only the data supplied by actual consumers and retailers through the surveys can accurately identify flaws in the process.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet K. Seehra, (202) 395-5167.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230, or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by January 25, 2008 to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: January 9, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Order No. 1538

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 221, Mesa, Arizona

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the City of Mesa, Arizona, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 221, submitted an application to the Board for authority to reorganize and expand its existing site at the Williams Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona, within and adjacent to the Williams Gateway Airport Customs and Border Protection user-fee airport (FTZ Docket 34-2007, filed 8/8/07);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 46602, 8/21/07) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize and expand FTZ 221 is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of January 2008.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 1-2008]

Foreign-Trade Zone 22—Chicago, Illinois, Application for Subzone Euromarket Designs, Inc. d/b/a/ Crate & Barrel (Home Furnishings)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the