Avenue SW., Room 6065 South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

### Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC, on March 19, 2012.

**Alfred V. Almanza,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

**[Docket No. FSIS–2012–0011]**

### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food

**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), are sponsoring a public meeting on April 23, 2012. 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 20th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from May 7–11, 2012. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 20th Session of the CCRVDF, and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2012, from 1–4 p.m.

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

Documents related to the 20th Session of the CCRVDF will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: *http://www.codexalimentarius.org/*.

Kevin Greenlees, U.S. Delegate to the 20th Session of the CCRVDF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: *Kevin.Greenlees@fda.hhs.gov*.

*Call-In Number:*

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 20th Session of the CCRVDF, by conference call, please use the call-in number and participant code listed below to connect to the public meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012, from 1–4 p.m.:

*Call-in Number:* 1–888–858–2144.

*Participant code:* 6208658.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 20TH SESSION OF THE CCRVDF CONTACT:** Kevin Greenlees, Senior Advisor for Science & Policy, Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, HFV–100, FDA, Center for Veterinary Medicine, 7520 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855, Telephone: (240) 276–8214, Fax: (240) 276–9538, Email: *Kevin.Greenlees@fda.hhs.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:** Kenneth Lowery, US CODEX Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 690–4042, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: *Kenneth.Lowery@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 fair practices in the food trade.

The CCRVDF is responsible for determining priorities for the consideration of residues of veterinary drugs in food, recommending maximum levels of such substances, developing codes of practice as may be required, and considering methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of veterinary drug residues in foods.

The CCRVDF is hosted by the United States of America.

### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 20th Session of the CCRVDF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by Codex and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.
- Matters Arising from FAO/WHO and from the 75th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).
- Report of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Activities, Including the Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration

of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH).

- Proposed Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the CCRVDF.
- Draft Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 7).
- Proposed Draft MRLs for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 3).
- Proposed Amendments to the Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the CCRVDF.
- Proposed Revision of Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the CCRVDF and the Risk Assessment Policy for the Setting of Maximum Limits for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods.
- Proposed Draft Sampling Plans for Residue Control for Aquatic Animal Products and Derived Edible Products of Aquatic Origin.
- Proposed Draft Guidelines on Performance Characteristics for Multi-Residue Methods.
- Draft Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-Evaluation by JECFA.
- Database on Need for MRLs for Developing Countries.
- Risk Management Recommendations for the Veterinary Drugs for Which No Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) or MRL has been Recommended by JECFA Due to Specific Human Health Concerns.
- Discussion Paper on the Policy for the Establishment of MRLS or Other Limits in Honey.
- Discussion Paper on the Extrapolation of MRLs to Additional Species and Tissues.
- Other Business and Future Work.
- CCRVDF Current Problems and Solutions.

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

**Public Meeting**

At the April 23, 2012, 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 20th Session of the CCRVDF, Kevin Greenlees (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 20th Session of the CCRVDF.

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**Karen Stuck,**

*U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety Inspection Service

**[Docket No. FSIS–2012–0010]**

### Nominations for Membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is announcing that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership to fill 16 vacancies on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF).

NACMCF is seeking members with scientific expertise in the fields of epidemiology, food technology, microbiology (food, clinical, and predictive), toxicology, risk assessment, infectious disease, biostatistics, and other related sciences. NACMCF is seeking applications from persons from academia, industry, consumer groups, State governments, and the Federal Government, as well as all other interested persons with such expertise.

Please note that federally registered lobbyists cannot be considered for USDA advisory committee membership. Members can only serve on one USDA advisory committee at a time. All nominees will undergo a USDA background check.

Members who are not Federal government employees will be appointed to serve as non-compensated special government employees (SGEs). SGEs will be subject to appropriate conflict of interest statutes and standards of ethical conduct.

To receive consideration for serving on the NACMCF, a nominee must submit a resume and USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD–755. The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include educational background, expertise, and a list of select publications. For submissions received that are more than five one-sided pages in length, only the first five pages will be reviewed. USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD–755 is available online at: *http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf.*

**DATES:** Nominations including a cover letter to the Secretary, and the nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background