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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 15, 2017.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by March 24, 2017 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP).

OMB Control Number: 0560—NEW.

Summary of Collection: Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) provides cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural product who are obtaining or renewing their certification in the National Organic Program (NOP). The information collection requirements in the request are needed to implement a part of the Agriculture Act of 2014 and the Federal Crop Insurance Act which authorizes funds for two organic certification cost-share programs, the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program (NOCCSP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA).

Need and Use of the Information: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides cost-share assistance, through FSA county offices and participating state agencies, to organic producers or handlers. The information collected is needed to ensure that organic producers or handlers and State agencies are eligible for funding and comply with applicable program regulations. Without this collection of information, FSA would not be able to provide cost-share assistance to eligible producer or handler and state agencies.

Description of Respondents: Farms: State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 12,056.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 57,560.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: WIC Food Package Costs and Cost Containment Study.

OMB Control Number: 0584—NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods to safeguard the health of low-income pregnant and post-partum women, infants, and children up to 5 years of age who are at nutritional risk. In an effort to ensure the best use of available funds and to provide for participation by eligible individuals, WIC State agencies (SA) are responsible for

implementing food package and other cost containment measures. This study will gather information on the cost-containment practices.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of this study is to gather information on the major types of cost containment practices used by the 90 WIC SAs, assess the effectiveness of various practices, and identify those practices that effectively constrain the cost of WIC foods with few or no adverse effects on program outcomes. To fulfill this purpose, primary and administrative data will be collected from WIC SA directors, WIC SA staff, WIC participants, and former WIC participants. FNS will use the findings from this study to share with WIC SAs food item cost containment practices that are effective at reducing WIC food costs, as recommended by the OIG.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households, and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 6,565.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,356.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2017-0004]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food

AGENCY: Office of Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on March 2, 2017. 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 11th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil April 3-7, 2017. The Office of Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the

11th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, Room 1A-001, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 11th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 11th Session of the CCCF, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration: Attendees may register electronically at the same email address provided above by February 24, 2017. The meeting will be held in a Federal building. Early registration is encouraged as it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Person who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but wish to participate, may do so by phone.

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 11th Session of the CCCF by conference call, please use the call-in-number and the participant code below.

Call-in-Number: 1-888-844-9904

Participant Code: 5126092FOR

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 11TH

SESSION OF THE CCCF CONTACT: Henry Kim, Ph.D., Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, HFS-317, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (240) 402-2023, Email: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.

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Background

The 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 that fair practices are used in the food trade.

The CCCF is responsible for:

(a) Establishing or endorsing permitted maximum levels, and where necessary revising existing guideline levels for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(b) Preparing priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA);

(c) Considering and elaborating methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(d) Considering and elaborating standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and

(e) Considering other matters assigned to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The Committee is chaired by the Netherlands.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 11th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the CCCF by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies;

- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations;

- Proposed draft annex on ergot and ergot alkaloids in cereal grains (Annex to the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals);

- Proposed draft revision of maximum levels for lead in selected fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed) in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed;

- Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Arsenic Contamination in Rice;

- Proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products;

- Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Spices;

- Proposed draft maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready to eat peanuts;