

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 020100C]

**Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Spring Species Working Group Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT announces its spring meeting with its Species Working Groups on March 6 and 7, 2000.

**DATES:** The open sessions of the Committee meeting will be held on March 6, 2000, from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and on March 7, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed sessions will be held on March 6, 2000, from 2:30 p.m. to approximately 6:00 p.m., and on March 7, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Blankenbeker at (301) 713-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive and to discuss information on (1) 1999 ICCAT meeting results and U.S. implementation of ICCAT decisions, (2) NMFS and ICCAT research and monitoring activities, (3) the Food and Agriculture Organization's work related to illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing, (4) the second meeting of ICCAT's Working Group on Allocation Criteria, (5) Advisory Committee operational issues, (6) consultation regarding the identification of countries that are diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT, (7) the results of the meetings of the Committee's Species Working Groups, and (8) other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT

species. The public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, but there will be no opportunity for public comment.

Sessions of the Advisory Committee's Species Working Groups will not be open to the public, but, as noted earlier, the results of the working group discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee's afternoon open session on March 7.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kim Blankenbeker at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Minneapolis Grain Exchange: Proposed Amendments to the Quality Specifications of the Durum Wheat Futures Contract**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

**SUMMARY:** The Minneapolis Grain Exchange (MGE or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Exchange's durum wheat futures contract. The proposed amendments would revise the futures contract's quality specifications. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provides that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on February 24, 2000—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting

Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposed amendments is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the MGE durum wheat futures contract.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The futures contract currently calls for the delivery of durum wheat meeting specified quality requirements. These existing requirements, with one exception, meet or exceed the standards for U.S. grade No. 2 hard amber durum wheat. In addition, the contract sets forth standards for protein content, falling number, moisture content, dockage, and hard vitreous amber kernels which are not specified in the official U.S. standards for grain. The proposed amendments would make the contract's standards conform to the requirements for U.S. No. 2 hard amber durum wheat and would reduce the contract's standards for protein content, falling number, and hard vitreous kernels. The proposed and current quality specifications are shown in the table below.

Grade factor or quality standard	Current specification	Proposed specification
Minimum Test Weight .....	60 lbs. per bushel	58 lbs. per bushel
Maximum Heat Damaged Kernels .....	0.2%	0.2%
Maximum Total Damaged Kernels .....	2.0%	4.0%
Maximum Foreign Material .....	1.0%	0.7%
Maximum Shrunken and Broken Kernels .....	3.0%	5.0%
Maximum Total Defects .....	5.0%	5.0%
Maximum Total Other Classes .....	2.0%	2.0%

Grade factor or quality standard	Current specification	Proposed specification
Minimum Protein Content .....	13.0% (12% moisture basis)	12.5%
Minimum Falling Number .....	325	300
Maximum Moisture Content .....	13.5%	13.5%
Maximum Dockage .....	1.5%	1.5%
Minimum Hard Vireous Amber Kernels * * * .....	85%	80.0%

The MGE intends to apply the proposed amendments to existing contract months, commencing with the July 2000 contract month and to all newly listed contract months.

In support of the proposed amendments, the Exchange stated that:

[t]he purpose for amending the rule is to modify the deliverable Durum Wheat contract grade to more closely correspond to the standards for U.S. number 2 Hard Amber Durum Wheat. The Exchange believes the change in par commodity specifications is necessary to enhance participation and trade activity in the contract as well as to expand the available supply for delivery.

The Commission is requesting comments on the proposed amendments.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet at secretary@cftc.gov.

Other materials submitted by the Exchange in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the Exchange, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 7, 2000.

**Richard Shilts,**

*Acting Director.*

Bldg. 8449, Fort Polk

Property #:21199640539

Ft. Polk Co: Vernon Parish LA 71459-

Status: Underutilized

Comment: 2093 sq. ft., most recent use—office

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Science Board; Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings**

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Impact of DoD Acquisition Policies and Practices on the Health and Competitiveness of U.S. Defense Companies will meet in closed session on February 22, 2000; March 7, 2000; and tentatively on March 21-22, 2000; April 5-7, 2000; and April 20-21, 2000. All meetings will be held at TRW Inc., 1001 19th Street North, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22209.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will review the Department of Defense's acquisition policies and regulations governing the primary vendors of military equipment; determine whether these acquisition policies, processes and regulations have supported or weakened rational and economical business practices within the primary vendors of military equipment; and assess the impact of those policies, practices and regulations on the health and competitiveness of U.S. defense companies. The Task Force plans to hold sensitive programmatic discussions with the primary vendors during the course of this effort.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act,

P.L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (1) and (4) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Withdrawal of Surplus Land at Military Installations Designated for Realignment: Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice provides information on withdrawal of surplus property at the Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact Richard A. Engel, Head, BRAC Real Estate Section, Department of the Navy, Real Estate Operations, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington Navy Yard, 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374-5065, telephone (202) 685-9203, or E. R. Nelson, Jr., Director, Real Estate Division, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, 2155 Eagle Drive, North Charleston, SC 29419-9010, telephone (803) 820-7494.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1995, the Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida was designated for realignment pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended. Pursuant to this designation, in April of 1996, approximately 168.14 acres of land and related facilities at this installation were declared surplus to the federal government and available for use by (a) non-federal public agencies pursuant to various statutes which authorize