

handlers. Some of the information formerly required on the 11 forms is no longer needed because certain non-signer regulations were terminated. That information had to do with restricted and unrestricted peanuts (terms no longer used in the regulations) and disposal of non-edible peanuts to certain outlets (no longer regulated and monitored). Using the 2 forms decreases the estimated total annual burden on handlers by 327 hours, from 591 to 264 hours. Also, the number of total annual responses supplied by handlers for the entire non-signer peanut information collection decreases from 1,500 to 792.

Handlers Monthly Report of Farmers Stock—Form FV-117, deals with each handler's shelled peanuts and what is done with those shelled peanuts to get them ready for sale to manufacturers. This report is filed monthly.

Monthly Report of Dispositions of Peanuts—Form FV-117-1, deals with information on each handler's acquisitions and dispositions of farmers stock peanuts. Farmers stock peanuts are raw, inshell peanuts delivered by farmers to peanut handlers. This report is also filed monthly.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours (15 minutes) per response.

Respondents: Peanut handlers who have not signed the peanut marketing Agreement.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 24.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 264 hrs.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, and mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0163 and the Provisions Regulating The Quality Of Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled By Persons Not Subject To The Peanut Marketing Agreement (7 CFR Part 997) and be sent

to USDA in care of Dawana Johnson at the address above. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: January 19, 1999.

Robert C. Keeney,

Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: February 9, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; February 10, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and February 11, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3501 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250. Phone: (202) 720-3252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Jones, Program Manager, Room 2945 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, Transportation and Marketing, National Organic Program, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456 Phone (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*) Requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects the implementation of OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, D.C., in March 1992 and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the program. The committees are: Crops Standards; Processing;

Labeling and Packaging; Livestock Standards; Accreditation; Materials; and International Issues. In August 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture and since that time has submitted 30 addenda to the recommendations and reviewed more than 170 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held October 27-29, 1998, in Washington, DC. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1997 (62 FR 65849). An extension of the comment period on the proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 1998 (63 FR 6498-6499). The comment period was extended until April 30, 1998. On October 28, 1998, the USDA published for public comment three issue papers in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 57624-57626) The papers addressed certain issues raised during the National Organic Program's proposed rule comment period. The issue papers were: Issue paper 1. Livestock Confinement in Organic Production Systems; Issue Paper 2. The Use of Antibiotics and Parasiticides in Organic Livestock Production; and Paper 3. Termination of Certification by Private Certifiers. Comments received on these papers will be considered during the development of a revised National Organic Program proposed rule. The comment period for the issue papers closed December 14, 1998.

Purpose and Agenda

The principal purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to receive committee reports from its standing and ad hoc committees and to engage working sessions to address issues resulting from the October 1998 NOSB meeting. These issues include, but are not limited to, the International Committee's proposed recommendation on Fumigation, the Livestock Committee's proposed recommendation on Wild Animals, the Accreditation Committee's proposed recommendation on Enforcement Actions, the Interdisciplinary Taskforce's proposal on processing principles and the NOSB's request for comment on criteria for the acceptance of materials used in processing. Additionally, the Agency will give a status report on the proposed rule and characterize for the NOSB public comment on the option papers. Copies of committee proposals can be requested from Ms. Karen Thomas, Room 2510 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS,

Transportation and Marketing, National Organic Program, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, by phone at (202) 690-3655 or by accessing the NOP website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> after January 19, 1999.

Type of Meeting

All meetings will be open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on February 9, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting should forward the request to Ms. Thomas at the above address or by FAX to (202) 205-7808 by close of business February 5, 1999. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure an opportunity to speak during that allotted time period and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing, if possible. Written submissions may supplement the oral presentation with additional material. Attendees who do not wish to make an oral presentation are invited to submit written comments to the NOSB at the meeting or to Ms. Thomas after the meeting at the above address. All persons submitting written comments should provide 20 copies.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Eileen S. Stommes,

Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: Notice of the second meeting; Opportunity for oral testimony at the meeting; and Opportunity to provide written comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (a) provide notice of the second meeting of the Committee (b) solicit application for oral testimony, and (c) solicit written comments.

DATES: (1) The Committee will meet on March 8 to 10, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the first day, from 9:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the second day, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third day. (2) Applications for oral testimony, to be presented on the morning of the first day, may be submitted by 5 p.m. e.s.t. February 24, 1999. (3) Written comments on the guidelines may be submitted by 5 p.m. e.s.t. on February 24, 1999, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to this meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shanthy Bowman, Ph.D., USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, 4700 River Road, Unit 89, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-5640; Carole Davis, M.S., R.D., USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 1120 20th St., NW, Suite 200 North Lobby, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 418-2312; or Kathryn McMurry, M.S. or Linda Meyers, Ph.D., HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, Room 738-G, 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 205-4872.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

The eleven-member Committee appointed by the Secretaries of the two Departments is chaired by Cutberto Garza, M.D., Ph.D., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Other members are Richard J. Deckelbaum, M.D., Columbia University, New York, New York; Johanna T. Dwyer, D.Sc., R.D., Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts; Scott M. Grundy, M.D., Ph.D., University of Texas, Dallas, Texas; Rachel K. Johnson, Ph.D., R.D., University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont; Shiriki K. Kumanyika, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Alice H. Lichtenstein, D.Sc., Tufts University Center for Aging, Boston, Massachusetts; Suzanne P. Murphy, Ph.D., R.D., University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii; Meir J. Stampfer, M.D., Dr.P.H., Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Lesley Fels Tinker, Ph.D., R.D., University of Washington, Seattle, Washington; Roland L. Weinsier, M.D., Dr.P.H., University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama.

Committee's Task

The appointment of the Committee reflects the commitment by the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services to provide sound and current dietary guidance to consumers. The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-445) requires the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the Dietary Guidelines for Americans at least every five years. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee has decided a revision of the 1995 edition of *Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans* is warranted, and will recommend revisions to the Secretaries for the year 2000 edition.

Announcement of Meeting

The Committee's second meeting will be March 8-10, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the first day, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the second day, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third day. The meeting is open to the public. However, space is limited for all sessions. The agenda will include (a) presentations from invited experts, (b) oral testimony from preregistered people or groups, (c) discussion of drafts prepared by members, and (d) formulation of plans for future work of the Committee. Opportunity for oral public testimony will be provided on the morning of the first day. Please call Shanthy Bowman at (301) 734-5640 by 5:00 p.m. e.s.t. February 24, 1999, should you require a sign language interpreter.

Location of Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Waugh Auditorium located on the third floor of USDA's Economic Research Service, 1800 M Street NW, Washington DC, one block from Farragut North metro station and three blocks from the Farragut West metro station. Parking is available at local garages. Entry to the building is through the South Lobby Tower.

Oral Testimony

By this notice, the Committee is soliciting submission of applications for oral testimony from the public. Requests to testify, along with a written outline of the intended testimony not exceeding one page in length, should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. e.s.t. February 24, 1999 to Shanthy Bowman, Ph.D., at Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Nutrient Data Laboratory, 4700 River Road, Unit 89, Riverdale, MD 20737. Presenters are required to disclose their affiliation and their source of funding to give oral testimony at the