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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces solicitation for nominations to fill twelve vacancies on the Forestry Research Advisory Council. The Council membership is appointed with staggered terms of one, two, and three years. Nominations for a three-year appointment for all twelve positions are sought.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before October 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The nominee's name, resume, and completed Form AD-755 must be sent to the Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 3213 Waterfront Center; 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024 for express mail or overnight courier service. Nominations sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be sent to the following address: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Mail Stop 2210; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catalino A. Blanche, Designated Federal Officer, Forestry Research Advisory Council; Office of the Forestry Research

Advisory Council; telephone: (202) 401-4190; fax: (202) 401-1706; e-mail: cblanche@csrees.usda.gov, or contact Daina D. Apple, Senior Staff Assistant, Research and Development, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; telephone: (202) 205-1452; fax: (202) 205-1530; e-mail: dapple@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forestry Research Advisory Council was established to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on efficiently accomplishing the purposes of the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, *et seq.*). The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The Council is composed of 20 voting members from the following membership categories:

- Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources which includes the National Forest System and Forest and Range Experiment Stations leaders, Forest Service;
- The forest industries;
- The forestry schools of the State certified eligible institutions and State agricultural experiment stations; and
- Volunteer public groups concerned with forests and related natural resources.

Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a membership category. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee.

Each nominee must complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information (which can be obtained from the contact persons above or from the following Web site: <http://www.ree.usda.gov/nareeeab/downloads/forms/AD-755.pdf>). All nominations will be vetted before selection. Appointments to the Forestry Research Advisory Council will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations via overnight mail or delivery service to ensure timely receipt by the USDA.

Done at Washington, DC, this 25th day of August 2008.

Gale Buchanan,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2009 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fee to be charged for the 2009 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States, will be \$150.00 per license.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jorge Martinez, Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import and Trade Support Programs Division, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021 or telephone at (202) 720-9439 or e-mail at Jorge.Martinez@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.37 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles that are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff rates by or the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of licenses by the license holder to import dairy articles is monitored by the Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import and