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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. FV-02-338]

United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is withdrawing a notice soliciting public comments on a petition to change the United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. This notice is in response to a letter from a petitioner requesting that their petition be withdrawn.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice was published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 39671; June 10, 2002) requesting comments on a petition to change the United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit Juice. The petitioner, Indian River Citrus League, requested the replacement of the current requirements for U.S. Grade A with the requirements of the Florida Department of Citrus "Gold Standard". Prior to undertaking research and other work associated with revising the grade standards, AMS decided to seek public comments on the petition.

In response to our request for comments, AMS received six comments from trade associations and various other interested parties. Four of the six comments opposed the proposed new standard.

In a letter dated August 20, 2002, the Indian River Citrus League requested that their petition to change the standards be withdrawn.

The Department is therefore withdrawing the notice published on

June 10, 2002, seeking public comments based on the letter from the petitioner withdrawing their request to change the United States Standard for Grade of Grapefruit Juice.

Dated: November 8, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-037N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Eighteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, of the Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring a public meeting on January 7, 2003, to review the technical contents of the agenda item documents and to receive comments on all issues coming before the Eighteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils, which will be held in London, United Kingdom, February 3-7, 2003.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, Maryland 20740, in Conference Room 1B-042. To receive copies of the documents relevant to this notice, contact the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Docket Room, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net>.

Send comments (an original and two copies) to the FSIS Docket Room and

reference Docket # 02-037N. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Syed Amjad Ali, International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, telephone (202) 205-7760; Fax (202) 720-3157.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mr. Charles W. Cooper, Director, International Activities Staff, FDA, at telephone (301) 436-1714; Fax (301) 436-2618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. 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 ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. The Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO) was established to elaborate worldwide standards for fats and oils and their products. The Government of United Kingdom hosts this committee and will chair the Committee meeting.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following specific issues will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.
2. Proposed Draft Amendments to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (including provisions for Mid-Oleic Acid Sunflower Oil and Super Palm Olein).
3. Proposed Draft Amendment to the Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk: Lists of Acceptable Previous Cargoes and Lists of Banned Immediate Previous Cargoes.