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Draft Affirmative Agenda for International Activities—Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of the document entitled “Draft Affirmative Agenda for International Activities” (Draft International Affirmative Agenda) for FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN). The Draft International Affirmative Agenda presents, consistent with the center’s mission and resources, CFSAN’s international priorities for the next 3 years (2000–2002).

DATES: Written comments by *(insert date 45 days after date of publication in the Federal Register)*.

ADDRESSES: The Draft International Affirmative Agenda is available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm.1061, Rockville, MD 20852. To view the document electronically or to print copies: World Wide Web at “<http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/>”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a single copy of the Draft International Affirmative Agenda: John W. Jones, Office of Constituent Operations, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-550), 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

CFSAN participates in numerous international activities pertaining to the safety, quality, and labeling of foods and cosmetics. These activities are intended, first and foremost, to enhance FDA's ability to ensure that foods and cosmetics available to American consumers are safe and appropriately labeled, whether the products are produced in or imported into the United States.

The international environment in which CFSAN operates has changed dramatically in the last 20 years. International trade in foods and cosmetics has grown markedly and international trade agreements have introduced new requirements that affect FDA's traditional approaches for regulating such products. Furthermore, resources available for CFSAN to accomplish its international activities are finite and limited.

Thus, CFSAN must establish priorities that are consistent with FDA's mission and resources. CFSAN's Draft International Affirmative Agenda is intended to present achievable, international priorities for the next 3 years for those areas where it is critical for the safety and regulation of foods and/or cosmetics that the center maintain a strong presence.

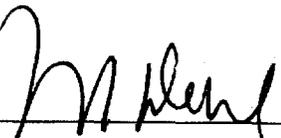
CFSAN is actively seeking comments on this Draft International Affirmative Agenda and will, if interest is sufficient, consider holding a public meeting to enable further dialogue on its contents. The center would appreciate hearing in the next two weeks from persons regarding the need for a public meeting on the draft document. Comments on the document, itself, may be submitted within the next 45 days.

II. Comments

Interested persons may, on or before (*insert date 45 days after date of publication in the Federal Register*), submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments on the draft document. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals

may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets at the head of this notice. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy

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