

Internat'l food standards seminar set for Sept. 15-16

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration will host a seminar on Codex Commission activities here on September 15 and 16.

The Codex commission works to develop international food standards that will promote world-wide food safety and international trade in food products, according to Eddie Kimbrell, associate deputy administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

Kimbrell said invited speakers include Secretary of Agriculture John Block, and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture C.W. McMillan. Two majorspeakers are expected from the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration; Commissioner Arthur Hull Hayes and Sanford Miller, Director of FDA's Bureau of Foods.

Also expected to attend are Graham Kermod, chief of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, and Don Kimmel of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng will be the featured speaker at a dinner Sept. 15 at the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel. The dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. reception.

The Codex Commission was established in 1963 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

According to Kimbrell, the purpose of the meeting is to assess the past and future role of the U.S. in the commission and to give the public the opportunity to learn about the commission. The meeting will also allow participants to assess the U.S. position in each of the 19 active Codex committees and to chart U.S. progress in accepting standards that have already been developed.

The seminar is free and open to the general public. It will be conducted in the Jefferson Auditorium at USDA's South Building, 14th and Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, D.C. Registration is from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

on September 15 and the program begins at 9:30 a.m. On the second day, September 16, the program will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The seminar agenda and other information may be obtained by contacting Gerald Parlet, Rm. 2647 in the South Building, telephone 202/447-3676.

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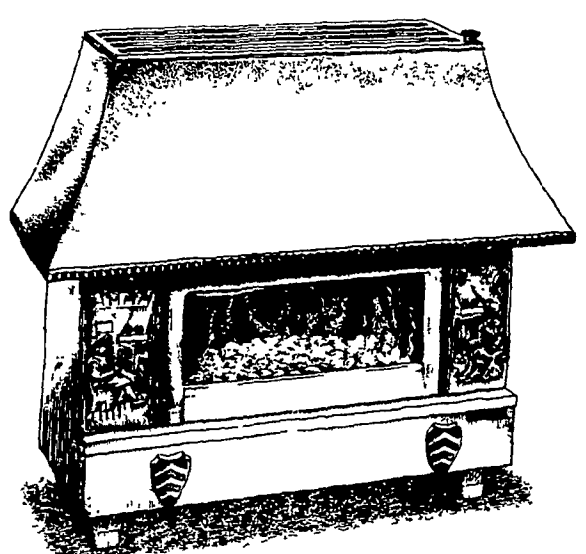
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