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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on May 16, 2023 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. EDT. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 42nd Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will meet in Budapest, Hungary from June 6–13, 2023. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 42nd Session of the CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2023, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 42nd Session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=42>.

Dr. Patrick Gray, U.S. Delegate to the 42nd Session of the CCMAS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the

following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsceGupzqgEl-PAXtt-4y7k0SI1hwZ2rY>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 42nd session of CCMAS, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Patrick Gray, Research Chemist, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Office of Regulatory Science, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, (240) 402–5026, Patrick.gray@fda.hhs.gov. For further information about the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office by email at: uscodex@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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 protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Terms of Reference for the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling are:

(a) to define the criteria appropriate to Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling;

(b) to serve as a coordinating body for Codex with other international groups working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality assurance systems for laboratories;

(c) to specify, on the basis of final recommendations submitted to it by the other bodies referred to in (b) above, Reference Methods of Analysis and Sampling appropriate to Codex Standards which are generally applicable to a number of foods;

(d) to consider, amend, if necessary, and endorse, as appropriate, methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (Commodity) Committees, except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of microbiological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives, do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee;

(e) to elaborate sampling plans and procedures, as may be required;

(f) to consider specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by the Commission or any of its Committees; and,

(g) to define procedures, protocols, guidelines or related texts for the assessment of food laboratory proficiency, as well as quality assurance systems for laboratories.

The CCMAS is hosted by Hungary. The United States attends the CCMAS as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 42nd Session of the CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by CAC and other subsidiary bodies
- Endorsement of Methods of Analysis Provisions and Sampling Plans in Codex Standards
- Review of methods of analysis in the Codex Standard *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234–1999)
- Fats and oils workable package
- Cereals, pulses and legumes workable package
- Processed fruits and vegetable workable package
- Information document: *Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty* (CXG 54–2004)
- Revision of the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50–2004)
- Discussion paper on criteria to select Type II methods from multiple Type III methods
- Report of an Inter-Agency Meeting on Methods of Analysis
- Other business and future work

Public Meeting

At the public meeting on May 16, 2023, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Dr. Patrick Gray, U.S. Delegate to the 42nd Session of the CCMAS (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 42nd Session of the CCMAS.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is

important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the USDA Codex web page located at: <http://www.usda.gov/codex>, a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Done at Washington, DC, on April 7, 2023.

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U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Regulations—Reporting and Record-Keeping Burden

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is a revision of a currently approved information collection in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for the reporting and record-keeping burdens associated with the WIC Program regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 12, 2023.

ADDRESSES: All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

The Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, invites interested persons to submit written comment.

- **Preferred Method:** Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

- **Mail:** Send comments to Allison Post, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Room 328, Alexandria, VA 22314.

- **Email:** Send email to allison.post@usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Allison Post at 703-457-7708.

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

Title: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and

Children (WIC) Program Regulations—Reporting and Record-Keeping Burden.

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: 0584-0043.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2023.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is to provide supplemental foods, nutrition education, and health care referrals to low income, nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. Currently, WIC operates through State health departments in 50 States, 33 Indian Tribal Organizations, American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The Federal regulations governing the WIC Program (7 CFR part 246) require that certain program-related information be collected and that full and complete records concerning WIC operations are maintained. The information reporting and record-keeping burdens are necessary to ensure appropriate and efficient management of the WIC program.

The reporting and record-keeping burdens covered by this information collection include requirements that involve the certification of WIC participants; the nutrition education that is provided to participants; the processing of sanctions, complaints, and appeals; the household requirement to pick up food instruments and CVVs outside of scheduled recertification and nutrition education clinic visits; the authorization, training and monitoring of vendors; and the collection of vendor pricing information in order to comply with the Federal regulations regarding WIC cost containment. State Plans are the principal source of information about how each State agency operates its WIC Program. Information collected from participants and local agencies is collected through State-developed forms or Management Information Systems. The information collected is used by the Department of Agriculture to manage, plan, evaluate, make decisions, and report on WIC program operations. This information collection is requesting a revision in the burden hours due to program changes and adjustments that primarily reflect the inclusion of programmatic requirements that are being included in this ICR for the first time and expected changes in the number of WIC participants; WIC authorized vendors; and WIC State and local agencies. The revisions increased the approved reporting burden by