

Agency implemented cybersecurity measures and firewalls are built into the application user interface, and monitoring of use of the system for profiles of misuse is possible. The hard copy components of the system, and computer files, tapes, and disks are kept in a safeguarded environment at WS' field offices with access only by authorized personnel.

System access, including access to records stored in an Agency approved repository, is limited to individuals with appropriate permissions who need to know the information for performance of official duties.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

All requests for access to records must be in writing and should be submitted to the APHIS Privacy Act Officer, 4700 River Road, Unit 50, Riverdale, MD 20737; or by facsimile (301) 734-5941; or by email APHISPrivacy@usda.gov. In accordance with 7 CFR 1.112, (Procedures for requests pertaining to individual records in a record system), the request must include the full name of the individual making the request; the name of the system of records; any other information specified in the system notice; and preference of inspection, in person or by mail. In accordance with 7 CFR 1.113, prior to inspection of the records, the requester shall present sufficient identification (e.g., driver's license, employee identification card, credit cards) to establish that the requester is the individual to whom the records pertain. In addition, if an individual submitting a request for access wishes to be supplied with copies of the records by mail, the requester must include with his or her request sufficient data for the agency to verify the requester's identity.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to contest or amend records maintained in this system of records must direct their request to the address indicated in the "RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES" paragraph, above and must follow the procedures set forth in 7 CFR 1.116, (Request for correction or amendment to record). All requests must state clearly and concisely what record is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the record.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals may be notified if a record in this system of records pertains to them when the individuals request information utilizing the same procedures as those identified in the

"RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES" paragraph, above.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED BY THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

Published as a modified system on October 8, 2015 (80 FR 60872-60875, APHIS-2014-0036).

Published as a new system on April 30, 2008 (73 FR 23404-23406, APHIS-2006-0018).

A report on the modified system of records, required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), as implemented by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-108, was sent to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Administrator of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of July 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

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 August 21, 2024. 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 27th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). The 27th Session of the CCFICS will be held in Cairns, Australia, from September 16-20, 2024. 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 27th Session of the CCFICS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 27th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=27>.

Dr. Michelle Catlin, U.S. Delegate to the 27th Session of the CCFICS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: michelle.catlin@usda.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-6rpzIuGPEVvN9FhCzAF2fXU6TBzKA>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 27th Session of the CCFICS, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Michelle Catlin, Chief Scientist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, by email at: michelle.catlin@usda.gov. For additional information regarding 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 of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) are:

(a) to develop principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems with a view to harmonizing methods and procedures which protect the health of consumers, ensure fair trading practices and facilitate international trade in foodstuffs;

(b) to develop principles and guidelines for the application of measures by the competent authorities of exporting and importing countries to

provide assurance where necessary that foodstuffs comply with requirements, especially statutory health requirements;

(c) to develop guidelines for the utilization, as and when appropriate, of quality assurance systems to ensure that foodstuffs conform with requirements and to promote the recognition of these systems in facilitating trade in food products under bilateral/multilateral arrangements by countries;

(d) to develop guidelines and criteria with respect to format, declarations and language of such official certificates as countries may require with a view towards international harmonization;

(e) to make recommendations for information exchange in relation to food import/export control;

(f) to consult as necessary with other international groups working on matters related to food inspection and certification systems; and,

(g) to consider other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to food inspection and certification systems.

Quality assurance means all those planned and systematic actions necessary to provide adequate confidence that a product or service will satisfy given requirements for quality (ISO-8402 Quality—Vocabulary).

The CCFICS is hosted by Australia. The United States attends the CCFICS as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the Provisional Agenda for the 27th Session of the CCFICS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies
- Information on activities of the FAO and WHO and other international organizations relevant to the work of CCFICS
- Draft Consolidated Codex Guidelines related to Equivalence
- Draft Guidelines on the Prevention and Control of Food Fraud
- Draft revision and updating of the *Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool Within a Food Inspection and Certification System* (CXG 60–2006)
- Discussion paper on guidance on appeals mechanism in the context of rejection of imported food
- Discussion paper on the standardization of sanitary requirements
- Review and update of Appendix A—the list of emerging global issues
- Other business

Public Meeting

At the August 21, 2024, public meeting, 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. Michelle Catlin, U.S. Delegate to the 27th Session of the CCFICS, at michelle.catlin@usda.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 27th Session of the CCFICS.

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 July 3, 2024.

Julie A. Chao,

Deputy U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs, National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the annual adjustments to the national average payments, the amount of money the Federal Government provides States for lunches, afterschool snacks, and breakfasts served to children participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs; to the maximum reimbursement rates, the maximum per lunch rate from Federal funds that a State can provide a school food authority for lunches served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program; and to the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to non-needy children in a school or institution that participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. The annual payments and rates adjustments for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs reflect changes in the Food Away From Home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The annual rate adjustment for the Special Milk Program reflects changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products. Further adjustments are made to these rates to reflect higher costs of providing meals in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands. The payments and rates are prescribed on an annual basis each July.

DATES: These rates are in effect from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny Burke, Branch Chief, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, FNS USDA, 1320 Braddock Place, Suite 401, Alexandria, VA 22314, 303–844–0357.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Special Milk Program for Children— Pursuant to section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1772), the Department announces