

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request—Food and
Nutrition Service (FNS) Nutrition
Education and Promotion Campaign****AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service,
USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of an information collection for the Food and Nutrition Service Nutrition Education and Promotion Campaign.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by February 14, 2000.**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to: Judy F. Wilson, Director, Nutrition Services Staff, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 502, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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 will 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 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to Gerry Howell, (703) 305-2568.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Food and Nutrition Service Nutrition Education and Promotion Campaign.*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned.*Expiration Date:* N/A.*Type of Request:* New collection of information.*Abstract:* Diet has a significant impact on the health of citizens and is linked

to four leading causes of disease and premature death. Diet also plays a role in the development of other health conditions, which can reduce the quality of life and contribute to premature death. The Food and Nutrition Service plans to develop and launch a progressive, five-year nutrition education and promotion campaign that will convey science-based, behavior-focused nutrition messages about healthy eating and physical activity. These messages shall be formulated based on the most recent edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the Food Guide Pyramid. The primary target audience for this campaign is preschool and school-aged (age 2 to 18 years) children including those from culturally and ethnically diverse backgrounds, participating or eligible to participate in FNS nutrition assistance programs and their caregivers. Caregivers refers to parents or guardians, child care providers, after school providers, and teachers. Educational materials, public service announcements, an FNS mascot, central themes, a slogan, key messages and strategies that promote healthy eating and physical activity will be tested using focus groups and semi-structured short interviews. The focus groups will provide information about the acceptability of materials and products during the developmental process and on final products. Semi-structured short interviews will be conducted with FNS program recipients, staff, stakeholders and consumer volunteers at the State and local level to determine acceptability and efficacy of materials and products developed. Interviews will be integrated into other program activities as appropriate.

Affected Public: Recipients of FNS nutrition education activities, State and local staff administering FNS programs, FNS stakeholders and consumers.

Estimated number of respondents: For the focus groups, approximately 100 respondents. Approximately 100 respondents will be asked to participate in the short semi-structured interviews.

Estimated Time Per Response: Focus groups of staff, stakeholders and consumers will average no longer than 3 hours. Semi-structured interviews of these same groups will average no longer than 15 minutes duration.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 325 hours.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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BILLING CODE 3410-30-P**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request: Report of the
Emergency Food Assistance Program
(TEFAP) Administrative Costs****AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service,
(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 proposed information collection of administrative cost information under the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for the October, 1999 Current Population Survey.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: 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 utilities; (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 used; ways to enhance the quality, or utility, of collected data; (c) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments and requests for copies of information collected may be sent to Lou Pastura, Division Director, Grants Management Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lou Pastura (703) 305-2048.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Administrative Costs.*OMB Number:* 0584-0385.*Form Number:* FNS-667.*Expiration Date:* February 29, 2000.*Type of Request:* Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.*Abstract:* The FNS-667, Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Costs, is completed quarterly, with a close-out

report, by the State agencies administering TEFAP. States use the form to report how Federal administrative funds are utilized, in three separate categories. States may use funds to pay costs incurred by the State agency itself, or to pay costs incurred by local recipients agencies—emergency feeding organizations (EFOs) that distribute USDA commodities to eligible households states also “pass down” to EFOs a certain percentage of Federal administrative funds received, as required by legislation and Federal regulations. The information reported on the form is used by the Food and Nutrition Service to ensure that States meet this requirement, as well as the requirement that States match all Federal administrative funds that are not passed down to the local agencies, or used to pay costs on their behalf.

Affected Public: State Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55 (States, Territories, and The District of Columbia).

Estimated Time Per Response: .5 to 8 hours per response/average 3.5

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 962.5 hours annually (55 State agencies * 5 responses = 275 responses; 275 responses @ 3.5 hours. A total of five reports, four quarterly, and a final close-out report, are submitted).

Dated: December 1, 1999.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-061N]

Codex Alimentarius: Eighth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, and the Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture; and the Food and Drug Administration, United States Department of Health and Human Services, are sponsoring two public meetings to provide information and receive public comments on issues that will be discussed at the CCFICS, which will be held in Adelaide, Australia, February 21-25, 2000. The

Departments recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the Eighth Session of the CCFICS and to address items on the Agenda.

DATES: The first public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2000, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to review the technical content of the various documents coming before the Session. The second public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2000, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to review the U.S. Government positions on the agenda items.

ADDRESSES: Both public meetings will be held in Room 1409, Federal Office Building 8, 200 C Street SW, Washington, DC (Metro Rail Stop is Federal Center SW)

Send an original and two copies of comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #99-061N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Comments should be submitted by February 4, 2000. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Clerkin, Associate U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700, Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mr. Clerkin at the above numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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 Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems was established to develop principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and

certification systems to facilitate trade through harmonization and to supply safe, high quality foods to consumers. Recognition of quality assurance systems through the development of guidelines will help ensure that foods conform to the essential requirements.

Issues to be Discussed at both Public Meetings

- Proposed Draft Guidelines/Recommendations for Food Import Control Systems
- Proposed Draft Guidelines and Criteria for Official Certificate Formats and Rules Relating to the Production and Issuance of Certificates
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Utilization and Promotion of Quality Assurance Systems
- Discussion Paper on the Judgement of Equivalence on Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems
- Discussion Paper on the Judgement on Equivalence of Technical Regulations Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of these public meetings, FSIS will announce them and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.