• Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to CL 2015/12–FA)
• Proposed draft revision of food category 01.1 “Milk and dairy-based drinks” and its sub-categories
• Discussion paper on the use of specific food additives in the production of wine
• Proposed draft revision to the International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives (CAC/GL 36–1989)
• Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2015/11–FA)
• Information on commercial use of: Potassium hydrogen sulfite (INS 515(iii)), sodium sorbates (INS 201) and calcium hydrogen sulfite (INS 227) (replies to CL 2015/9–FA Part C, point 9)
• Discussion paper on secondary additives
• Proposed draft revision of Section 4.1c and 5.1c of the General Standard for the Labelling of Food Additives When Sold As Such (CODEX STAN 107–1981)
• Other Business and Future Work

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Codex Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access these documents at http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=CCFA&session=48.

Public Meeting
At the February 16, 2016, 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 the U.S. Delegate for the 48th Session of the CCFA, Dr. Susan Carberry at the following address: ccfa@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state they relate to activities of the 48th Session of the CCFA.

Additional Public Notification
Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this Federal Register publication on-line through the FSIS Web page located at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register. FSIS also will make copies of this publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The Update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Request for Information: Software Vendors of State and Local Management Information Systems (MIS) and Other Technology Solutions for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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

ACTION: Notice; Request for information.

SUMMARY: This is a request for information from Management Information Systems (MIS) software and hardware vendors and developers (“vendors”) to learn about the functionality of State and School Food Authority National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) data management information systems. It is not a request for proposal and does not commit the Government to issue a solicitation, make an award, or pay any costs associated with responding to this announcement. All submitted information shall remain with the Government and will not be returned. All responses will become part of the public record and will not be held confidential.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking information that will inform future data reporting requirements for the Department’s oversight and management of NSLP/SBP. The Department is aware that all States and many school districts have installed and implemented MIS or other technology solutions to improve State and local program management. To better understand the availability and implementation of these solutions, USDA is requesting information from vendors about NSLP/SBP data systems they offer and have deployed at the State and local levels.

The objectives of this request for information (RFI) are to:
1. Obtain background data to inform later research on State and School Food Authority (SFA) NSLP/SBP data management information systems.
2. Describe the functionality and capabilities of systems currently in use by State agencies and SFAs, or available to States and SFA for purchase.
3. Describe the typical costs of system development, installation, maintenance, and upgrades.
4. Identify which States and SFAs are using particular systems.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be submitted or postmarked on or before March 14, 2016.
III. Product Information

a. List and describe the core modules provided by your product. For example:
   1. Point of Sale/Service (POS)
   2. Prepayment system(s) for parents
   3. Nutrient Analysis and Menu Planning
   4. Inventory Management
   5. Purchasing/Vendor Management
   6. Production Records
   7. Financial Management
   8. Free and Reduced-Price Meals Applications
      • Scanning paper applications
      • Processing On-line applications
      • Making eligibility determinations
      • Creating benefit issuance documents
      • Conducting verification
   9. Direct Certification
      • SNAP recipients
      • Extended SNAP household members
      • Other direct certification—homeless, migrant, foster
   10. Meal counting and claiming
   11. Administrative Review
   12. Reporting
   13. Any other not listed above

b. Describe the capabilities and reporting functionalities of your product.
   c. Describe your platform—site-based, central office w/satellite, cloud-based, etc.

d. For SFAs, are POS terminals proprietary or third-party?
   e. Is your system a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) product with application in multiple industry segments or school nutrition specific?
   f. Does your firm rely on any ‘third party software products/systems’ for implementation and/or operation?

   Are any additional licenses required from ‘third party sources’ to utilize your product?
   h. What is your product’s ability to interface with other vendor systems?

   What level of customization is available?

   i. List the minimum and recommended hardware requirements to implement and utilize your product at each level of installation.
   j. Describe the interface capabilities between your product and various within-district student data base systems.
   k. Describe the interface capabilities between your product and State agency systems.
I. Does your system adhere to Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) standards?
   m. Please provide a list of data elements captured/stored by your product. For example:
   1. Name of the data element
   2. Description of the data element
   3. Possible values
   n. Describe the processes/procedures/steps associated with planning, installation, setup, data import and conversion, data migration, quality assurance, deployment, and roll-out for your product.

IV. Customer Support, Maintenance and Security
   a. Describe your model for providing customer support, including charge/cost structure (e.g., hours of support, levels of support).
   b. Describe your incident reporting and tracking systems, and the ability for customer staff to access those systems directly.
   c. List the types of support access that are available (web, email, chat, telephone etc.).
   d. Describe the communication and escalation processes/protocols in the event of failure, network outages, degraded service, and/or exceeded planned utilization.
   e. Describe your replication, archival and retrieval processes, including your disaster recovery model.
   f. Describe the warranty and maintenance plan(s) for your product. Have there been recent upgrades or updates to your product? How often do you typically develop and release upgrades?
   g. Is your support agreement integrated into the license agreement?
   h. Describe your understanding and system approach to privacy rules, specifically those related to children and students (Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, etc.).
   i. Describe your process for upgrading your product to meet federal and state regulations.
   j. Does your product support access through smartphones, tablets, laptops etc.?

V. Pricing
   a. Describe your pricing models relevant to each component of your product.
   b. Is your pricing model based on purchasing the entire product or individual module(s), or is it based on usage/users?
   c. Describe the upgrade process and cost to upgrade.
   d. List any additional pricing/cost information that would be useful to evaluate the affordability of the product.

VI. Training
   a. What type of technical training do you provide?
   b. Describe your product’s documentation and in-program help?

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to comment on the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). This collection is being developed as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public on service delivery. This notice announces our intent to submit this “fast track” collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval and to solicit comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Agency’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the proposed information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments may be sent to Lynnette Thomas, Planning & Regulatory Affairs Office, Office of Policy Support, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to http://www.regulations.gov, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses 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 this information collection should be directed to Lynnette Thomas, Planning & Regulatory Affairs Office, Office of Policy Support, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery (Fast Track).

OMB Number: 0584–NEW.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient and timely manner. By qualitative feedback we mean, information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population. This feedback will, (1) provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, (2) provide an early warning of issues with service and, (3) focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. This collection will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public.

If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency’s services will be unavailable.